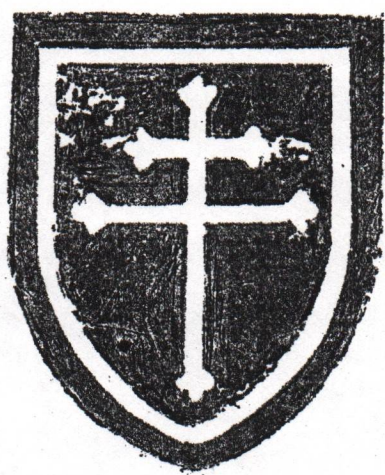


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1 January

a. Division Cr: 135334, Niederroetschdorf

b. On 20 December the Division discontinued its attack on the Siegfried Line and two days later it withdrew south to defensive positions. These were based on an OPL along the Lauter River and an MIA on the high ground south of the river. Late in the month enemy pressure began to develop to the west in the left sector of VI Corps. As a result, the Division made plans to withdraw to a second MIA, to be established on the Maginot Line defenses. Another result was the temporary loss to the Division of four of its infantry battalions which were shifted west to meet the growing threat of an enemy breakthrough toward Saverne. The 1st Bn, 315th (Mtz), in Corps reserve, was the first to go, passing its IR at Siegen at 1115, 1 January. In addition, the rest of the regiment, less the 3rd Bn, was ordered to be moved to the 45th Division's sector. The 2nd Bn at 1515 crossed the IR and at 1540 the rest of the regiment cleared the IR. The 3rd Bn continued to maintain the OPL in its sector. One of its outposts at 238450 dispersed a strong enemy patrol late in the afternoon, but, aside from this, little enemy contact was reported.

c. In the afternoon further instructions were received from VI Corps. The 1st Bn, 314th and 1st Bn, 315th were both alerted and in the evening they moved out. The former crossed the IR at 2245 and the latter at 0015, moving out in DUMAS. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions of each regiment continued to man the OPL and MIA, with Co "G", 315th taking over the 1st Battalion's OPL. They had some contact with the enemy. Patrols reached Kapsweyer and the western part of Ober Otterbach and reported these places clear. Some enemy fire was received. Two enemy planes were over the Division's sector and one, a JU-88, was shot down near Boerbach and its crew found dead.

d. The Division's right flank was extended at noon by the attachment of Task Force Herren (70th Infantry Division), less the 275th Infantry. The 274th commanded the sector south of the Reconnaissance Troop, between Schnaffhouse and Gamusheim. The 276th Infantry assembled in reserve at Camp d'Obernoffen. The Reconnaissance Troop in the evening intercepted an enemy patrol near 315365 and drove it off with the support of artillery fire. A wounded member of this patrol was captured and interrogation revealed that the patrol had come from the east bank of the Rhine.

2 January

a. Division Cr: 135334, Niederroetschdorf

b. At noon the Division issued Field Order #1, containing instructions for the withdrawal to MIA #2. The new defensive positions were based on Maginot Line positions which Corps and Division engineers had been preparing in advance for the infantry. The first moves were made by the artillery which at 1900 initiated their withdrawal. Each of the light battalions left one battery in place, to withdraw later together with the infantry. At 2000 the infantry units began to



pull back, with the former outposts acting as a rear guard. With them operated engineer detachments which carried out extensive demolitions. The withdrawal was made without incident and the units manning Mln #2 closed in there by 2300.

c. During the day there was considerable enemy activity on the 31st's front. Enemy flat trajectory fire fell east of Wissembourg and at Schweighofen some smoke shells fell in the village in the morning. The bridge at Wissembourg was evidently the target for enemy interdicting fire for estimated 150mm shells fell in the town sporadically. At 2000 the 2nd and 3rd Battalions moved to their new positions on a line 1644 - 1639. Co "G" and elements of Companies "A" and "L" made up the rear guard. The 3rd Bn, 31st, after a quiet day, moved back to positions between 1639 and 1935, with Co "I" acting as the covering force. In the 31st's sector patrol activity predominated with a small enemy combat patrol appearing north of Berg just before dawn. A short fire fight followed and one wounded enemy was captured. Two 31st patrols worked north of Berg into the forest and contacted each other at 328456 without having met any enemy. When the withdrawal was begun, Co "E" with supporting tanks and M's remained at Mln #1 as the covering force.

d. Elements of the Reconnaissance Troop and Task Force Herren continued to hold the Division's right flank. This flank was further extended by the attachment of Task Force Linden (42nd Infantry Division) which was operating north of Strasbourg.

#### 3 January

a. Division Gr: 135334, Niederbetschdorf

b. By 0400 the outposts had withdrawn from Mln #1 to Mln #1 where they remained until afternoon. At only two points were enemy observed following up the withdrawal. Two soldiers were seen at the bridge site in Wissembourg at 1000. At 1500 a twelve-man patrol was seen moving from Mottenen toward Neewiller. 813th Tn's fired on this group and several direct hits were registered. At 1600 the outposts manning Mln #1 began their withdrawal. The 31st consolidated its positions between Drachenoronn and Hunsbach and contact was established with the 36th Engineer Regiment on the left. Co "I", 31st, withdrew to battalion reserve at Beierswiller, closing in there at 1730. The 31st maintained its outposts with Co "A" and the Third Platoon of the Reconnaissance Troop. When they pulled back at 1600, they moved into reserve at Hatten. During the day further adjustments were made in the Maginot positions by the units manning them.

c. On the Division's right flank Task Force Herren at 0500 closed into its Maginot positions. It was relieved from attachment to the Division at 1200 and units of Task Force Linden were ordered to relieve the 274th. Elements of the 781st Tank Battalion reverted to Corps control, with the exception of one platoon of Co "D" which remained attached to the Division. The Reconnaissance Troop was assembled at Bischwiller.



4 January

a. Division CP: 135334, Nieuwerboetschdorf  
 030233, Haguenau

b. During the day plans were made to commit units of Task Force Linden in other parts of the Division sector, in addition to that immediately north of Strasbourg. At 0145 the 232nd completed relief of Task Force Herren and took over the sector extending from the vicinity of 2129 to Port-Louis and thence along the Rhine to the vicinity of 0598. The 2nd Bn, 222nd held the Rhine bank from the latter point to the boundary with the First French Army at approximately the 86 easting. The 242nd was ordered to relieve the 31st and at 1800 this relief began. The 222nd was ordered to prepare to relieve the 31st which would thereupon relieve units of the 45th further west.

c. Continued patrolling marked the day's contact with the enemy. In the morning the 31st I & R Platoon reported Riedseltz clear, but the enemy was seen at two points between the village and Wissembourg. Oberseepach and Buhl were also reported clear in the morning. However, in the afternoon more enemy were seen just outside Riedseltz and an enemy three-man patrol was captured north of Aschbach. Information from civilians indicated that the enemy was repairing the bridge at Lauterbourg and that enemy patrols were operating in the Seltz area.

5 January

a. Division Cr: 030233, Haguenau

b. A sudden eruption of the Division's eastern front greatly modified existing plans. The 232nd reported that in the early morning enemy patrols had crossed the Rhine and were active along its front and by noon it was apparent that during the night a considerable enemy force had crossed. These enemy quickly seized Offendorf and Herrlisheim and at noon were entering Gambsheim. Air Cr's reported seeing many enemy crossing the Rhine. Meanwhile, at 0700 command of the 31st's sector had passed to the 242nd whose 1st and 3rd Battalions relieved the 31st during the night. The 31st was on its way to an assembly area when the Division ordered it to move to Bischmiller and attack toward Ronwiller. During the day the 31st was relieved by the 1st and 3rd Battalions, 222nd, though command of the sector was retained by the 31st. The 2nd Bn, 31st assembled at Kutzenhausen and Merkwiller and the 3rd Bn at Preuschdorf. The 2nd Bn, 222nd was stopped at Meyersheim while en route to the 31st's sector and was attached to the 232nd. The 2nd Bn, 242nd was also diverted and joined the 232nd. The 79th Reconnaissance Troop was ordered to move at once to an area in a preparation for an attack on Ronwiller. A rearrangement of army boundaries placed Kilstett in the sector of the First French Army and, pending the relief of elements of Task Force Linden by the French, the 3rd Division d'Infanterie Algerienne was attached to the 79th.

c. The counterattack against the enemy bridgehead made slow progress. At Druenheim considerable enemy pressure developed but elements of the 1st Bn, 232nd repulsed the enemy's attack. At 1300 the Reconnaissance Troop reported Meyersheim



clear but contacted an estimated enemy platoon in the vicinity of 086118. At 1540, as other elements of the Troop nearer Nonwiller, they came under mortar fire. They estimated one company of the enemy to be in the village. At 1640 the 314th closed into Bischmiller and at once initiated reconnaissance for an attack to be made on Nonwiller and Gamsheim from the northwest. In the vicinity of Gamsheim the elements under the 232nd met stiff opposition in the afternoon and little progress was reported. In the evening the French began to relieve elements of Task Force Linden south of Kilstett. In this area there was no contact with the enemy though at 1410 20 rounds of artillery fire fell south of Kilstett.

d. To the north only patrol activity was reported. Night patrols of the 315th found no enemy to their front between Giesbourg and Oberseebach but day patrols found enemy near Kieuseltz and at the south edge of Kott. 315th patrols contacted enemy patrols near Oberseebach and Nieuerseebach and drove the latter off to the east in a fire fight. Around noon sporadic machine gun fire was received from Kieuseltz by the 2nd Bn, 315th.

6 January

a. Division Or: 030235, Haguenau

b. On the northern front the first identifications were made of elements of the 21st Panzer Division and considerable patrolling was carried out by both sides. At 0445 enemy patrols in halftracks hit the ORL of the 1st Bn, 222nd at 149419 and 160403 and the outposts temporarily withdrew. The ORL was re-established during the day but at 1750 the enemy attacked again with infantry and armored vehicles and one outpost was forced back. On the left, on the front of the 3rd Bn, 222nd, many patrols were active and some fire fights reported. Harassing artillery fire was received along the regiment's front with some heavy concentrations at 1900. The 3rd Bn, 313th patrolled near Stundwiller and numerous enemy were observed in that vicinity. It was evident by the end of the day that the enemy had occupied Kieuseltz, Ingolsheim and Oberseebach and the northern part of Stundwiller. Along the 242nd's front little enemy activity was seen, though civilian reports indicated that enemy patrols were continuing to work out of Seltz.

c. During the night the enemy was active in the area of his bridgehead at Gamsheim. An enemy patrol probed Stettmatten and at 0500 it was reported that elements of Co "B", 232nd were surrounded there. Elements of the Reconnaissance Troop, with a light tank platoon of the 781st Tank Battalion attached, attacked and cleared Sessenheim and recaptured Stettmatten by noon. Though outnumbered by the enemy, the Reconnaissance force quickly overcame the resistance by the swiftness of its attack. The surrounded troops of Co "B" were relieved and sixty prisoners were taken. At the end of the day the 1st Bn, 232nd reestablished its lines in this sector. At 0900, the 2nd Bn, 314th attacked from Bischmiller and at 1025 it had cleared Nonwiller against light small arms fire. It continued the attack northeast toward Brusenheim.



By dark Companies "F" and "G" had occupied the southern part of the village where they dug in for the night. Co "I" remained in the woods to the west in the vicinity of 148177. The 3rd Bn moved from Bischwiller to Ronwiller in the afternoon and in the evening established a bridgehead over the Moder river in the vicinity of 129170. Corps engineers thereupon began work on a bridge at this site. The 2nd Battalions of the 222nd and the 242nd, with Troop "D" of the 94th Cavalry, in the morning launched an attack toward Gamsheim from the northwest. They progressed as far as the woods at Lull where at noon the enemy counterattacked with armor support. The two battalions fell back to the canal in the vicinity of 078121 where they dug in to defend their line. On their right the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 232nd met heavy resistance in their attack north from Hilstett toward Gamsheim. Little progress was made in this sector during the day. The elements of the 232nd at Hoerat and La Wantzenau were relieved during the day by elements of the 3rd DIA which was thereupon released from attachment to the 79th.

7 January

a. Division Ctr: 090233, Haguenau

b. The Division placed the northern part of its front under Task Force Wahl, assigning to it the 3rd Bn, 313th, the 315th (-), the 222nd (-), Co "A" of the 14th Armored Division and the 827th TD Battalion. Co "A" closed into assembly areas in the vicinity of Soultz at 0530 and during the day made reconnaissance for a counterattack in the sector of the 3rd Bn, 313th. It was in this sector that the enemy made his first attacks on the Division's lines. Following a night during which enemy vehicular activity had been heard, the enemy at 0715 attacked the 313th's outposts in Aschbach and Stundwiller with infantry supported by ten tanks. The outposts were driven from the villages following street fighting and by 0935 they had withdrawn to the MLN. Approximately one platoon was cut off in Aschbach but it managed to reach the MLN at 1430 with only light casualties. During the day the enemy made five attacks against the 313th. Fifteen tanks supported the enemy's infantry and of these tanks, five were knocked out, two by mines and the other three by AT and artillery fire. The enemy had little artillery support and the few rounds received were inaccurate. In the afternoon the Division's artillery and mortar fire kept the enemy at a distance. Little enemy activity was observed though in the evening movement was reported around Ingolsheim and Bull. On the 313th's flanks, in the sectors of the 222nd and 242nd, there was considerable patrolling by both sides, but no enemy pressure developed. The 315th remained in reserve during the day. Its 2nd Bn moved to Hoffen where it closed in at 1115; it had attached to it Co "B" of the 47th Tank Battalion which closed into Kunlenorf at 1600.

c. During the night the enemy continued to build up his forces in the Gamsheim bridgehead, reinforcing those already there with tanks and 88 and AT guns. The enemy's new strength was apparent shortly after the 2nd Bn, 314th attacked to clear the enemy from Drusenheim. The enemy almost at once counterattacked

with about a battalion of infantry and eight or ten tanks. The 2nd Bn was forced back into the northern part of the village, losing five of its supporting tanks. Other enemy attacks southeast of Ronwiller against the 3rd Bn, 314th were not as successful. The first was broken up by tank and artillery fire. The enemy then reformed and attacked again, but was driven off a second time by tank and artillery fire. In both these actions against the 314th, the enemy lost five tanks with two others listed as probables. Northwest of Gumbenheim, little activity was reported by the 2nd Battalions of the 22nd and 242nd which remained in the vicinity of Ob12. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 232nd were relieved by elements of the 3rd DIA. These French troops attacked from Kilstett in the afternoon in the direction of Gumbenheim. Against stiff resistance they advanced into Bettenhoffen, but enemy counterattacks from the east forced them to withdraw to Kilstett. In the sector between the 242nd and the 314th, moderate enemy activity was reported by the 1st Bn, 232nd and the 79th Reconnaissance Troop. The latter found Rantzenheim and Auenheim clear but enemy were observed in positions east of Roeschwoog and the 232nd intercepted an enemy patrol at Stettmatten.

d. CC "B" of the 12th Armored Division was attached to the 79th during the day. At 2310 it closed into assembly areas in the vicinity of Gries - Meyersheim - Bischwiller.

#### 8 January

a. Division CP: 030253, Haguenau

b. During the night enemy vehicular activity was heard by the 3rd Bn, 313th and at 0700 the first of the enemy's attacks took place. Elements of the 21st Panzer Division attacked from the vicinity of Stundwiller but were driven back by small arms and artillery fire. At 0800 they attacked again with the support of ten tanks. This second attack continued until about noon when the enemy again withdrew, after having suffered heavy casualties and the loss of three tanks. Shortly thereafter, the enemy was reported to be reforming in Stundwiller with fifteen tanks and a battalion of infantry. After twelve P-47's thoroughly worked over the village, the sector quieted down with only light harassing artillery and mortar fire. Some enemy movement was observed to the front of the 222nd. A friendly patrol came under heavy small arms fire in Cleebourg and in the evening enemy were reported digging in around the village. An enemy half-track and squad of infantry seen just north of Ingoisheim were taken under fire and wiped out by the 813th Td Battalion. The 2nd Bn, 222nd moved from the Gumbenheim area to Soultz where it closed in at 1600. The 3rd Bn, 315th moved to an area northeast of Soultz where it set up defensive positions to protect the town in case of a breakthrough. The 242nd continued to patrol from its MLR; one of its patrols came under automatic fire at 211-302. Its 2nd Bn moved from the Gumbenheim area to Bettenhoffen where it closed in at 2030.

c. North of the Gumbenheim bridgehead the Reconnaissance Troop continued its patrols, clearing Hoppenheim, but finding enemy near Fort-Louis. At 1000 the 3rd Bn, 314th attacked southeast from the vicinity of Ronwiller. Heavy small



arms, mortar and artillery fire was met and only slow progress was made. The bridge at 130168 was out and this hampered the attack considerably, and, in addition, the enemy remained very aggressive. Several counterattacks were repulsed and at dark the battalion was on a line 131163 - 131166. Other elements repulsed enemy attempts to cross the river at 138170 - 140168, but the 2nd Bn was unable to cross the river at Bruchheim owing to heavy enemy fire. At 1030 elements of CG "B" of the 12th Armored attacked south from Kuchwiller toward Herrlisheim. They also met heavy enemy fire but succeeded in reaching a point one kilometer north of their objective. The 1st and Bn, 232nd relieved the 2nd Battalions of the 222nd and the 242nd and established defensive positions on a line 083117 - 090126. The 3rd Bn, 232nd moved into reserve at Bischwiller. Contact between the 2nd Bn, 232nd and CG "B" was maintained by Troop "A" of the 94th Cavalry which patrolled east of Heysersheim.

9 January

a. Division Cr: 030233, Haguenau

b. At about 0500 the 3rd Bn, 313th and the 1st Bn, 242nd received an enemy probing attack that was broken up by artillery fire. Shortly thereafter, the enemy - elements of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division - again attacked; this time with two battalions of infantry supported by seven tanks. The attack was made toward Hatten and at one point it penetrated the line. Two pillboxes were lost and some enemy reached the edge of Hatten before the attack was thrown back. The enemy was repulsed with heavy casualties and the loss of two tanks, and at 1145 the line was restored. Following an artillery preparation, the enemy at 1300 again attacked the positions of the 242nd. This attack was made in great strength, with the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division using twenty of its organic tanks, eight halftracks and nine personnel carriers. This force encircled Hatten and had reached the eastern edge of Rittershoffen when it was counterattacked by TD's and Co "A" of the 48th Tank Battalion (CG "A"). 11-14 enemy tanks were knocked out and the enemy driven back. The 2nd Bn, 242nd was committed and, supported by the tank company, it reentered Hatten. Stiff opposition was met but by midnight about two-thirds of the village had been regained. The 2nd Bn, 315th was moved to positions in the vicinity of 1734, prepared to assist the 242nd. The 3rd Bn moved up to Hoffen. Enemy activity elsewhere on the front of Task Force Wahl was negligible.

c. The bridgehead over the Moser River in the vicinity of 130168 was the target for heavy fire that hampered the Corps engineers in their bridging operations. At 0915 an enemy attack drove the bridgehead in, but the 714th Tank Battalion counterattacked and drove off the enemy's supporting SR guns. The 3rd Bn, 314th occupied the bridgehead and at 1800 repelled a second enemy attack. This time the enemy threw in tanks from the north and infantry from the south, but the 314th's lines held. Meanwhile, elements of the 56th Armored Infantry Battalion and the 714th Tank Battalion had progressed south in their attack on Herrlisheim. Considerable resistance was met but these troops occupied the northern part of the village by dark and took many prisoners. Little activity was reported from the front of Task Force Linden where the 232nd adjusted its positions and continued to reorganize.

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10 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. Fighting continued in Hatten during the night and at dawn the 2nd Bn, 315th and 2nd Bn, 242nd launched an attack. Some progress was made despite stiff resistance from the enemy who at 1030 counterattacked from the northeast with tanks and infantry. Some of this force attempted to infiltrate north of Hatten in order to swing down and cut the Hatten - Rittershoffen road. The 3rd Bn, 315th assembled in Rittershoffen and was partially committed north of the village to block the gap between Hatten and the 3rd Bn, 313th. A strong enemy combat patrol in the morning probed the 313th's lines from the south, but was repulsed. At 1500 the 2nd Bn, 242nd was ordered to move back from Hatten to Rittershoffen to reorganize. Although most of the battalion was able to withdraw, some elements remained in Hatten, fighting alongside the 315th. There one enemy tank was knocked out by bazooka fire and another by the 48th Tank Battalion. Fighting in the village died down at dusk, although two enemy tanks remained, one in front of the church which was being developed by the enemy into a strongpoint. On the rest of the front of Task Force hahl only moderate enemy activity was observed during the day. Enemy planes were active over this sector in the afternoon and several bombing and strafing incidents were reported.

c. At 0130 the bridgehead of the 3rd Bn, 314th was the target for an attack by enemy infantry, supported by two SP guns. This attack was repulsed and by 0440 the sector was quiet except for light harassing artillery fire. During the night the elements of CG "B" in Herrlisheim were engaged in hard fighting and at 0330 they were reported surrounded. At 0620 714th tanks moved from Rohrwiller down to the village which they reached after cutting through the enemy ring. Heavy enemy pressure continued and preparations were made to withdraw these troops. Although enemy tanks and infantry were observed to the 314th's front during the day, this sector remained quiet. However, the 2nd Bn continued to receive heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire in Druenheim. To the north the 79th Reconnaissance Troop made a reconnaissance of areas east of the MLR of Task Force Linden. It reported Fort-Louis occupied by enemy and reported Roppenheim clear, although it captured a five-man patrol near the village.

11 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. During the night the 2nd Bn, 315th heard considerable tank activity at the eastern end of Hatten and the Artillery placed two TOT's on this area. Soon after dawn enemy pressure on the battalion was resumed. At the same time ten tanks moved from the eastern edge of the village around to the northern edge, firing into the positions of the 315th. Under this covering fire and aided by a ground haze, enemy tanks and infantry moved west to attack Rittershoffen. At this time, enemy began encircling Hatten again and contact was lost



with the 2nd Bn, 315th for the next two days. The 827th TD Battalion knocked out four of these tanks, together with one scout car and one armored car. At 0840 the enemy was contacted by the 3rd Bn, 315th at the northeast corner of Rittershoffen where the enemy was halted until he brought up more tanks. During the day the 3rd Bn was slowly forced back by an estimated fifteen tanks and two battalions of infantry. Two more tanks were knocked out in the village but by midnight the enemy had occupied about two-thirds of Rittershoffen. At 1615 elements of CC "A" were committed: Co "B", 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, with a platoon of tanks, attacked from southwest of Rittershoffen, while Companies "A" and "C" of the 68th and Co "C" of the 48th attacked from the northwest. The latter force was able to advance to the Rittershoffen - Leiterswiller road, but here it was met by such heavy fire that it had to withdraw to positions approximately 150336 - 158347. The former force met less opposition and worked up to the vicinity of 153332. The 2nd Bn, 222nd was moved from Soultz to south of Leiterswiller where at 1130 it closed in, establishing a defensive line 158352 - 167360 with which the armored infantry later tied in. Throughout the day the enemy placed heavy fire on Hatten and Rittershoffen with his artillery and mortars. The sector of the 3rd Bn, 313th received some heavy artillery concentrations during the day but the enemy displayed no aggressiveness here. In the sectors of the 222nd and 242nd only patrol activity was reported.

c. In the sector of Task Force Linden the 79th Reconnaissance Troop again patrolled to the front of the 232nd. It reported Auenheim, Runtzenheim, Stattmatten and Roeschwoog clear after killing three and wounding three members of a six-man enemy patrol in the last town. A road block of carts and felled trees was located at 231266 and of an estimated platoon defending this block six were killed before the Troop withdrew. A patrol of the 232nd reported Kauffenheim clear in the afternoon. The 314th was not active during the day and the enemy did not resume his attacks on the regiment's positions at Drusenheim and the bridgehead. During the day sporadic artillery fire was received in this sector. As planned the previous day, the elements of CC "B" of the 12th Armored in Herrlisheim withdrew during the night and set up positions along the western bank of the Zorn River. Their right flank was tied in with the positions of the 2nd Bn, 232 at Meyersheim. Patrols in this sector reported that the enemy had dug in near the river at Herrlisheim and that enemy vehicular movement was heard in the village.

#### 12 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. At about 2200, 11 January, enemy tanks and infantry resumed their attack on the 2nd Bn, 315th and through the night the fighting continued. Heavy house to house fighting went on during the day with the enemy pressure being made by tanks on the north and infantry on the east sides of the village. The battalion was forced into the southwestern corner of Hatten where the enemy was held from making further gains. Meanwhile, at 0800 the 3rd Bn and CC "A" of the 14th Armored had attacked to clear the enemy from Rittershoffen.

Determined resistance and well-directed fire forced the armored unit to withdraw. At 1130 CC "B" attacked and CC "A" reverted to 14th Armored control from Task Force Wahl. Elements of CC "B" reached points north and south of Rittershoffen from where they placed accurate fire on enemy positions within the village. As at Hatten, the enemy had formed a strongpoint at the eastern end of the village, using the church and near-by cemetery. However, CC "B" came under heavy fire itself and at darkness it withdrew to the west, leaving the 3rd Bn holding the western end of the village. Enemy fire in the two villages continued to be very heavy and in the sector of the 3rd Bn, 313th some heavy artillery concentrations were received. With the two combat commands of the 14th Armored in the vicinity of Rittershoffen, the 2nd Bn, 222nd was moved to Soultz, leaving Co "G" holding the defensive positions south of Leiterswiller.

c. The situation in the area of the bridgehead continued quiet. The Reconnaissance Troop found Roeschwoog, Leutenheim, Stattmatten and Dengolsheim clear during the morning. An enemy patrol was contacted by the Troop in the vicinity of 200241 at 1345 and two of the five enemy were killed. The 314th continued to hold Drusenheim and its bridgehead and reported little contact. Patrols of CC "B", 12th Armored, reported enemy still entrenched on the east bank of the canal southwest of Herrlisheim and reported enemy activity in the vicinity of 122152 at 1600. Drusenheim was harassed during the afternoon by artillery and direct fire and Rohrwiller received a concentration of mortar fire.

13 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. At 0800 the 14th Armored Division was given command of the sector between the 222nd and the 242nd. The 3rd Bn, 313th and the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 315th were attached to the 14th Armored at this time. The night in both Hatten and Rittershoffen was relatively quiet though continuous traffic was heard on the Buhl - Hatten road until 0200. In the morning the 14th Armored resumed its attack to the east. Some progress was made by the 3rd Bn and CC "A" in Rittershoffen where heavy fighting took place throughout the day. Two tanks were reported destroyed and two captured in Rittershoffen by the armored units. CC "B" attacked south of Rittershoffen in the direction of Hatten and late in the afternoon elements of the 19th Armored Infantry Battalion reached the village and contacted the 2nd Bn, 315th after the latter had been isolated for two days. Artillery, mortar, small arms and tank fire in both villages were intense, especially near the church areas in each village. In the evening much enemy traffic was heard moving into Hatten, but it was at Rittershoffen where the enemy's night attack developed. At 2200 the enemy attacked with infantry and flame-throwing tanks and heavy fighting raged for an hour. The enemy was thrown back with 3-5 tanks destroyed and by 2330 the enemy's threat was over. During the night patrols of the 3rd Bn, 313th reported that the bridge at 180349 was being repaired under the protection



of one tank and approximately thirty-five infantry. In the morning artillery fire was placed on this target and at noon two direct hits were made, thereby depriving the enemy of one of his important bridges over the Seltz River. Light harassing fire was reported from the sectors of the 222nd and 313th, except for a heavy concentration that landed in the 222nd's sector in the evening. During the early evening the 242nd adjusted its units and positions. The 1st and 2nd Battalions were relieved at 1930 by the 3rd Bn which took up positions at the edge of the woods on a line 160322 - 180323. The 1st and 2nd Battalions established positions on the right flank of the 3rd Bn and tied in with the 232nd in the vicinity of 195295. In this sector the road from 187-326 to 221305 was reported heavily patrolled by the enemy.

c. In the bridgehead area, the situation remained unchanged and no aggressiveness was displayed by the enemy. The 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 232nd maintained their positions between the Sauer River and Drusenheim. In the afternoon patrols found Dengolsheim and Roeschwoog clear but a seven-man enemy patrol was seen moving north from Kauffenheim. The 314th's 2nd Bn maintained its positions in Drusenheim with Co "F" holding the woods between the village and the 3rd Bn. Enemy infantry and vehicular movement was reported in the vicinity of 149172 and enemy patrols were observed in front of the 314th's sector, but they made no attempt to cross the river. On the right flank of the 314th elements of CC "B" maintained their positions along the canal. They reported long range small arms fire and directed artillery fire on enemy manning positions on the east bank of the canal, southwest of Herrlisheim.

14 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. Heavy fighting continued in Hatten and Rittershoffen during the day. The units in Hatten made some progress as they attempted to clear the enemy from the northwest corner of the village. However, at 2210 the enemy launched a counterattack which likewise made some progress before it was stopped. The enemy's force consisted of an unestimated number of infantry with four tanks in support, but by 2330 the attack had been stopped. The enemy also counterattacked in Rittershoffen during the day. This attack took place between 1430 and 1500 and was repulsed without appreciable loss of ground. The sectors of the 222nd, 313th and 242nd continued quiet with only light harassing fire reported. Patrols reported that the important bridge at Ingolsheim was guarded by the enemy, although Air OP's reported it passable only for foot troops. At 1900 the enemy was again seen attempting to repair it and at once the Division's artillery began a program of harassing fires directed at the bridge. At 0220 the 313th (-) was relieved from attachment to the 45th Division and during the morning it returned to the 79th's sector. It closed into areas in the vicinity of Hoffen and Hermerswiller at 1300 and was attached to Task Force Wahl. The 1st Bn, 242nd was moved to an area west of Rittershoffen where it assumed defensive positions on a line 142340 - 142327; its former positions were taken over by the

2nd Bn, 242nd. ME 292's were active over the Division's sector again during the day. Some light bombs were dropped but little damage was reported.

c. The southern sector of the Division's front was again quiet with patrol activities predominating. Patrols of the 242nd contacted enemy patrols in the Forêt de Hatten with unknown results. Elements of Companies "A" and "L", 232nd occupied Roeschwoog against no opposition while a squad outposted Kaufenheim. In the 314th's sector tanks of Co "B", 47th Tank Battalion knocked out two enemy tanks near 135156 at 1400. The regiment sent a patrol into the southern part of Drusenheim where it drew fire from two machine guns. These were quickly taken under mortar fire and silenced. CC "B" reported that a strong enemy patrol probed their lines at 105145 shortly before dawn. It was driven off by artillery and small arms fire. However, later it was reported that it was possible that a number of the enemy might have continued on through the lines. CC "B" committed a reserve company which searched the area south of the Bischwiller - Rohrwiller road to their boundary, but no enemy were found. Rohrwiller and Drusenheim were shelled and the road between the two towns was harassed by the enemy's artillery.

15 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. During the night heavy traffic was observed moving into Hatten from Aschbach, Buhl and Forstfeld. At about 0500 the enemy resumed his attack in the village with infantry and flame-throwing tanks. During the next two hours he made five attempts to advance but each was thrown back. By 0645 the battle had subsided. At 1450 the enemy attacked again with an estimated battalion of infantry supported by tanks. Coming in from the east, the enemy at first made some gains. Elements of the 47th Tank Battalion were committed, entering Hatten from the south and, after contacting the 315th to the west, the armor advanced east. Much of the ground lost to the enemy's attack was then regained. The enemy at Rittershoffen were much less active though the fighting there continued through the day. At 1930 the enemy fired a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire but no attack followed. Elsewhere on the northern front, the activity consisted of patrolling and harassing artillery fire. During the day elements of another first-class enemy division were identified when prisoners were taken from the 7th Parachute Division. Its commitment underscored the importance of this battle to the enemy and also emphasized the losses incurred by the 21st Panzer Division and 25th Panzer Grenadier Division.

c. The southern front was again inactive. Rohrwiller was the target for occasional medium battery concentrations as well as SP fire, and Drusenheim was shelled by a few rounds of mortar fire in the morning. A group of enemy was observed between the canal and 091133 at 0800 and were taken under artillery fire. At 1900 CC "B" was detached from the 79th and reverted to 12th Armored control, as did Co "B", 47th Tank Battalion.



16 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. Heavy fighting continued throughout the day in Hatten and Rittershoffen. Some progress in Hatten was made during the night but increased enemy pressure in the afternoon and evening cancelled the gains made in the northern and eastern parts of the village. At 1710 the enemy counterattacked with three companies and after a battle during the evening the enemy was repelled. In Rittershoffen little progress was made and less activity was reported from there than on the previous day. Enemy artillery and mortar fire pounded the village and in the evening the MSR to Hatten was the target for the enemy's artillery and mortars. 600 rounds were received along this road leading into the village from the south. Stepped-up artillery and mortar fire was reported generally along the entire northern front. At noon Hoffen received heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire with 300 rounds falling between 1150 and 1208. In the evening the 222nd received long-range automatic fire from the vicinity of Ingolsheim, in addition to an increase in artillery and mortar fire. Enemy planes were again active in this sector and AP bombs were dropped at Niederbetschdorf and Schwabwiller. The 1st Bn, 315th was detached from the 45th Division and moved to Hoffen, closing in there at 1600.

c. Both during the night and in the morning enemy traffic was heard around Forstfeld, but during the rest of the day this part of the front remained quiet. At 0200 an outpost of the 232nd at 177208 reported a fifteen-man enemy patrol. At 0845 an estimated company of infantry was reported moving out from Dalhunden in the direction of Sessenheim. A force of infantry and tanks was sent out by the 232nd and contacted the enemy at Dengolsheim. Against light resistance this village was cleared by 1345 and the enemy driven back into Dalhunden. At 1545 friendly planes bombed this village with unobserved results. The 314th's positions remained the same during the day; the 1st Bn returned to regimental control and closed in at Oberhoffen at 0520. The 2nd Bn received a very heavy artillery counter-preparation beginning at 0130 and the 3rd Bn an intense one at 0200 when the 12th Armored attacked. Throughout the day Drusenheim and Rohrwiller received heavy artillery and mortar fire. Preceded by a thirty minute artillery preparation, CC "B" attacked at 0200 to organize a bridgehead southeast of Rohrwiller. It reached the railroad tracks at 138160 but at 1050 the enemy began a strong counterattack, making the bridgehead untenable. At 1230 CC "B" started a withdrawal, moving back to Rohrwiller for reorganization. CC "A" attacked for Le Steinwald from the southwest but due to heavy enemy fire from the woods it was only able to reach the western edge of the woods. By evening it had established a line 105121 - 100130.

17 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. In the sector of Task Force Wahl heavy traffic was again heard and a medium to heavy volume of artillery fire was received along the front. Enemy patrols were active and forced the Division's outposts to withdraw temporarily, especially in the 242nd's sector. The 1st Bn, 315th was attached to the 14th Armored



and at 0630 it attacked Rittershoffen. Light resistance was met at first and by 0700 it had reached the northwest edge of the village. Later in the morning, however, resistance stiffened and heavy fighting took place. Enemy fire was intense with five hundred rounds of mortar fire being received in ninety minutes, while the artillery fire was the heaviest yet. At dark the 1st Bn, 315th withdrew to positions west of the village. At Hatten the enemy attacked at 0800 with tanks and infantry. Considerable pressure was placed on the 2nd Bn and elements of the 14th Armored until the latter counterattacked with tanks and broke up the enemy's attack. Tank and mortar fire in the village was heavy but the amount of artillery fire slackened off during the day. The sectors of the 222nd and 313th remained quiet though enemy movement to their fronts was observed.

c. In the sector of the 232nd there was a considerable increase in enemy pressure. At about midnight heavy mortar and artillery fire was received at Roeschwoog and shortly thereafter enemy infantry pressure caused the outposts there to withdraw. The enemy also became aggressive in the Dalhunden area. A battalion of infantry supported by six tanks or assault guns, borrowed from the units in the Hatten area, occupied Dengolsheim, Stattmatten and a part of Sessenheim. Elements of Co "B", 232nd were by-passed by the enemy when occupying the latter village. Enemy infantry also entrenched themselves along the railroad tracks southwest of Sessenheim. In the afternoon elements of Co "A" with tank support counterattacked and at 1500 the enemy was driven from Sessenheim and contact re-established with Co "B". About thirty prisoners were taken, two tanks were destroyed and two others probably destroyed, and heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. By evening the enemy had been pushed back east of the railroad tracks. In the evening the 232nd was reinforced when the 1st Bn, 313th and 1st Bn, 314th moved to Soufflenheim. In the 314th's sector enemy patrols were active during the night and in the day Rohrwiller again received heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions remained in their positions, though Co "I" accompanied the 1st Bn on the move to Soufflenheim. The 2nd Bn (-) was at Drusenheim with Companies "F", "K" and "L" holding the line down to the Rohrwiller bridgehead. Co "B" of the 12th Armored again met heavy resistance as it attacked from Rohrwiller toward Herrlisheim and at the end of the day it had to withdraw to Rohrwiller. Other elements of the 12th Armored made more gains toward Herrlisheim from the southwest and in the evening they occupied about one-fourth of the village.

#### 18 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. During the day the enemy remained on the offensive continually in Hatten. His first attack came at 0645 and was made by a small force of infantry, supported by one tank. At 1545 artillery fire stopped a second attack. In the evening a third attack was made with tanks and infantry but by 2100 it was contained. Three enemy tanks were reported knocked out by the 827th TD Battalion



in the Hatten area during the day. In Rittershoffen the enemy withdrew slightly to better defensive positions and 315th patrols captured four prisoners from an enemy position. On the 313th's front there was some vehicular activity during the night in the Aschbach - Stundwiller area, but a 313th patrol reported Aschbach clear in the evening.

c. In the sector of Task Force Linden between Auenheim and Drusenheim considerable enemy pressure developed. At 0700 enemy infantry with two or three tanks in support attacked Sessenheim. They took the village and Co "B", 232nd was driven north to the vicinity of 185235. Continuing the attack, the enemy cleared the Bois de Sessenheim and forced Co "K", 232nd to withdraw to the Bois de Soufflenheim at 1430. At 1630 the Division counterattacked with a force composed of Companies "A" and "B" of the 314th and the 1st Bn, 410th. The latter battalion had been attached to the Division from the 103rd Infantry Division and had closed into an area at Schirrhofen at 0600. This counter-attack met stiff resistance and in the evening the battalions were forced to establish defensive positions along the edge of the Bois de Soufflenheim from 150200 to 167220. Co "I" and elements of the 1st Bn, 314th and Co "C" of the 313th established positions in the Bois de Runtzenheim, reinforcing Co "C", 232nd which was holding Runtzenheim. A continued enemy build-up in this area was indicated as the 314th and 232nd observed troop concentrations in the areas to their front. CC "A" and CC "B" of the 12th Armored met very strong resistance and CC "A" was forced to withdraw to the west bank of the canal 090128 - 128166.

19 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau

b. In Hatten enemy troop movement was heard at 0100 and 0615 but artillery fire quickly stopped this activity each time. At 0800 the enemy attacked from the north, east and southeast and during the next ninety minutes it was estimated that the enemy fired 3000 rounds of artillery, mortar and tank fire. By 0930 the attack had been stopped without loss of ground, although the enemy's tanks continued active until noon. In Rittershoffen the situation remained the same and an alert enemy prevented the forces there from advancing or patrolling. The Division's artillery reported knocking out three enemy tanks in this sector during the day. A fifty-man enemy patrol was dispersed by a reinforced 242nd outpost in the vicinity of 200310 at 1500.

c. In the southern sector shortly before midnight the enemy attacked the 12th Armored's positions south of Rohrwiller. The troops making the attack were identified as belonging to the 10th SS Panzer Division, the fourth first-class enemy division to be committed in the 79th's sector in two weeks. The enemy pushed into the southern part of the village but the attack was repulsed and the enemy thrown back. At 0530 another attack was in progress and by 0820 a crossing had been forced at 108142. The attack continued throughout the day though at a considerable loss of tanks to the enemy. The 12th Armored reported knocking out 16 tanks, including two enemy-operated Shermans, and heavy artillery accounted for three more west of Herrlisheim. In the evening the 12th

Armored was relieved by the 143rd (36th Infantry Division). During the day the 411th (- 2nd Bn; the 1st Bn, 410th was later attached to it) and the 1st Battalions of the 313th and 314th were attached to Task Force Linden. At 0530 the 411th and Co "A", 781st Tank Battalion attacked for Sessenheim and, meeting only light small arms fire, were able to advance up to 75 yards inside the village. At this point, however, heavy artillery and direct fire was met and at 0900 a withdrawal was made, after the 781st had lost eight tanks. Positions along the edge of the Bois de Soufflenheim were then established by the 411th. The enemy attacked in the 314th's sector at 1820 following a day-long build-up. The attack was made on Drusenheim from the northeast and south by tanks and from the southwest (146173) by infantry. Two battalions of the 10th SS Panzer Division were identified as the attackers and by 2100 they had surrounded the village, having infiltrated to the rear of Co "F". An attempt to break out was made at 2200 but it was unsuccessful.

20 January

a. Division CP: 030233, Haguenau  
 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. Along the Division's front there was a sharp decrease in activity and in enemy pressure. Contact was lost during the night with the 2nd Bn, 314th at Drusenheim. Approximately 100 men were able to get out of the village by infiltrating through the enemy's lines and the remainder of the battalion was reported missing in action. The battalion's stand had evidently dislocated the enemy's plans for he did not follow up his gains in strength. Enemy, however, infiltrated through the Bois de Drusenheim to 129180 and caused the 3rd Bn, 411th to lose contact with the 3rd Bn, 314th at 1100. Heavy artillery fire was received in the 314th and 411th sectors in the afternoon. In the morning there was some activity in the Runtzenheim - Sessenheim area where pressure was reported against Co "C", 313th and Co "I", 314th at the southern edge of the Bois de Runtzenheim. They also reported hearing tracked vehicles moving north out of Sessenheim. The northern sector of the Division's front was relatively quiet, though close contact was maintained at Hatten and Rittershoffen.

c. At dark the Division began withdrawing its units to new defensive positions. These positions were to be based on the Moder River between 936271 and 095195, with the MLR on the south bank and the outposts on the north bank. At 1930 all foot troops started to pull back with the exception of the 2nd Bn, 315th. This battalion broke contact with the enemy and withdrew at 2150 without interference. In the sector of Task Force Linden the 1st Bn, 313th remained as the rear guard, while CC "A" of the 14th Armored acted as the rear guard for the troops withdrawing from the north. The following sectors were assigned the units: the 222nd 937271 - 007247; the 313th 007247 - 050237; the 242nd 050237 - 071219; the 410th 071219 - 083208 and the 314th 083208 - 095195.

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21 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratsheim

b. During the night the Division successfully withdrew from contact with the enemy and there was no apparent follow-up through the Forêt de Haguenau. The main bodies of the units closed in at the new positions by 0830 and the rear guards by 1100. CC "A" of the 14th Armored passed through the MLR at Haguenau at 1420 en route to its assembly area and at 1500 it reverted to 14th Armored control. During the evening the 411th returned to the sector and control of the 103rd Division. Its sector of the MLR was taken over by the 314th and the 242nd, with the boundary between the two regiments at 075216. The 232nd was moved by truck from Haguenau to Bossendorf where it closed in at about 2000 as Corps reserve. The 315th moved into Division reserve in the area Hochstett - Winterhouse.

c. There was considerable enemy pressure on the 36th Division on the 79th's right flank. Some enemy activity was seen northeast of Bischwiller late in the afternoon and was taken under artillery fire. Shortly after dark the CPL of the 314th and the 242nd was driven in by infantry in the vicinity of the Camp d'Oberhoffen.

22 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratsheim

b. During the night enemy infantry and tanks were heard in the vicinity of Camp d'Oberhoffen and Kaltenhouse received some tank fire. From noon on, the indications of an enemy build-up became more apparent for infantry, tanks, artillery and AT guns were reported moving to Camp d'Oberhoffen, Oberhoffen-sur-Moder, Oberhoffen and the Bois d'Oberhoffen. This concentration of enemy forces made it necessary for outposts of the 313th, 242nd and 314th to withdraw to the Moder River. The enemy carried on extensive patrolling on the north, northwest and east sides of Haguenau. Some enemy tanks were observed north of Haguenau and two TD's with the 313th were knocked out by tank fire near the bridge at 041246. No enemy were observed south of the Haguenau - Mertzwiller road in the 222nd sector. The 313th sector received light artillery, mortar and direct fire. The 1st Bn, 315th moved to Marienthal where it closed in at 1900.

23 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratsheim

b. Enemy patrols were active during the night along the Division's front and were taken under small arms and artillery fire. Throughout the day the enemy continued to close on the Moder River and much vehicular and foot traffic was observed, especially in the Oberhoffen area. Tactical reconnaissance in the morning reported that the enemy was assembling much infantry, tanks and artillery north of the Haguenau forest. In the morning an estimated company of

infantry was seen in the vicinity of 042254 and was dispersed by artillery fire. In the afternoon a TOT was fired by the artillery on the tanks and infantry gathering in Oberhoffen. During the day enemy patrols were active in the 222nd sector and were engaged by the outposts. Enemy planes were also active and Weitbruch was bombed and strafed four times and Kaltenhouse was bombed twice during the day. The 1st Bn, 222nd, in reserve, was moved from Keffendorf to Ohlungen where it closed in at 1630.

24 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. Much patrolling was carried out during the night, both by the Division and the enemy, but little fire was received by the units manning the MLR. A patrol of the 222nd drew considerable fire north of Schweighausen and enemy patrols were contacted slightly west of the village. In the morning and afternoon heavy enemy traffic was observed in the Schirrhein - Bois de Soufflenheim - Oberhoffen sector and the Division artillery took many targets under fire. Small groups of enemy and a tank were seen north of Haguenau in the morning and a 313th CP in a steeple was knocked out by the tank's fire. The enemy continued active patrolling north of the river in the 222nd sector where the outposts engaged them twice during the afternoon. In the evening the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 315th relieved the 314th, the relief being accomplished by 2240. The 1st Bn, 314th moved to Winterhouse and the 3rd Bn to Niederschaeffolsheim.

25 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. At 2005, 24 January, heavy artillery concentrations began to be received in the 222nd sector and shortly thereafter enemy began crossing the Moder River by means of foot bridges. This attack was made by elements of the 7th Parachute Division, 25th Panzer Grenadier Division and 47th Volksgrenadier Division and a penetration was quickly made between the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 222nd. The enemy seized the western part of Schweighausen and occupied the eastern two-thirds of the Bois d'Ohlungen. Task Force Wahl was organized again immediately after this attack and was composed of the 222nd, 314th, 232nd, CC "B" of the 14th Armored, the Reconnaissance Troop and elements of the 781st Tank Battalion. At 0915 the 232nd was released from Corps control and began moving to areas nearer the scene of action and CC "B" was placed under Task Force Wahl at 0740. Elements of the 1st Bn, 222nd counterattacked early in the night and were held up around 962247 by strong infantry resistance. During the day, however, the enemy was slowly pushed back and in the evening the 1st Bn was on a line 967254 - 972242. On the battalion's left flank, the 3rd Bn, 314th was committed, between it and the 3rd Bn, 222nd. It attacked east from the vicinity of 965257 and at once met heavy small arms fire. It made some progress during the day and by late evening had advanced to a line approximately 967263 - 967254. At 1300 the 68th Armored Infantry Battalion attacked from 992235 and during the evening it fought up to a line 967241 -



993247. The gap between this battalion and the 1st Bn, 222nd was protected by the 3rd Bn, 232nd which outposted its defensive positions northeast of Ohlungen. The 1st Bn, 314th attacked from the vicinity of 992242 at 0645. During the day it made good progress to the north and late in the afternoon it reported the western end of Schweighausen clear. The eastern end of the village was cleared by the 2nd Bn, 232nd by nightfall and slight resistance was met. Except for the recapture of Schweighausen, the Division's counterattack had not covered much ground during the day, but heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy: approximately 200 prisoners were taken and it was estimated that 500 enemy had been killed. The 3rd Bn, 222nd and 813th TD Reconnaissance Co held the enemy back at Neubourg during the night and in the day the enemy retaliated with heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire. No enemy tanks were reported south of the river. However, ten were seen north of the river at 977262 in the evening and were the target for an artillery TOT.

c. At 0300 the enemy began crossing the Moder River southeast of Haguenau near the factory at 064229. This crossing was made in assault boats by elements of the 10th SS Panzer Division. They advanced as far as 065225 where the 242nd counterattacked and threw them back. The enemy was forced back across the river, followed closely by the 242nd which reestablished its OPL. The last strongpoint of the enemy was at 065230 in the vicinity of the factory and here the infantry and supporting tanks inflicted particularly heavy casualties on the enemy. In this action about 100 prisoners were taken and an estimated equal number were killed.

26 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. Evidently deciding that the bridgehead was proving too costly, the enemy withdrew north of the Moder River during darkness. He left behind approximately 300 dead. Task Force Wahl attacked at 0730 and restored the MLR without resistance, the only fire being machine gun fire from north of the river. At once plans to relieve the 222nd and 232nd by the 101st Airborne Division were put into effect. During the afternoon and evening the units manning the MLR west of Schweighausen were relieved by the 501st Parachute Infantry and the 327th Glider Infantry. At 0145, 27 January, the Moder River line west of 005214 passed to the command of the 101st. CC "B" returned to the control of the 14th Armored and returned to its assembly area. The 222nd and 232nd also moved to assembly areas and returned to the control of Task Force Linden. The 1st and 3rd Battalions, 314th, upon relief by the 101st, moved to areas at Winterhouse and Niederschaeffolsheim where they closed in at 0250 and 0210 respectively.

c. Only light harassing fire was reported by the units on the MLR. Considerable enemy movement was observed during the day and numerous targets were fired on by the artillery. Interdicting fire was placed on the Oberhoffen - Schirrhein road in the morning after traffic was seen there. Groups of enemy and vehicles were also observed northwest of Haguenau during the afternoon and were dispersed by artillery and small arms fire. Enemy vehicular and infantry activity at Mertzwiller was fo

willer was fired on by the artillery and the town was bombed by fighter-bombers.

27 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. The Division's sector was generally quiet throughout the day and the enemy showed no signs of aggressiveness. Enemy artillery and mortar fire was light with only a few rounds received, principally in the vicinity of Bischwiller, Kaltenhouse and the 242nd sector. Enemy were again seen north and northeast of Haguenau in the afternoon and small arms fire was placed on them. In the evening much enemy movement was heard on the Camp d'Oberhoffen - Oberhoffen - Schirrhein road and tracked vehicles were heard moving east from the camp. During the day the 222nd and 232nd moved from their areas to Chateau Salins, the prospective assembly area of the 42nd Infantry Division.

28 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. The Division continued to maintain its defensive positions along the Moder River line. The 313th had the 2nd and 3rd Battalions on line with the 1st Bn in reserve in Haguenau and the 315th had the 2nd and 3rd Battalions on line with the 1st Bn in reserve at Marienthal. During the evening the 1st and 3rd Battalions, 314th relieved the 242nd which moved to assembly areas near Niederschaeffolsheim and Wahlenheim. The 1st Bn, 314th relieved the 2nd Bn and part of the 3rd Bn, 242nd and the 3rd Bn, 314th relieved the 3rd Bn, 242nd. The relief was made without incident and at 2155 command of the sector passed to the 314th. During the day a little more enemy activity was noted on the Division's front, especially opposite Haguenau. At the eastern edge of the town at 047237 twenty rounds of artillery fire were received between 1720 and 1750 but there was little artillery fire elsewhere. A few rounds of Nebelwerfer fire were received at Bischwiller where the 315th also reported some direct fire.

29 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. At 0800 the 242nd passed the IP at Mommenheim and at 1535 it closed into its area at Chateau Salins. At this latter hour Task Force Linden was relieved of attachment to the Division. The Division's sector was again quiet with the enemy displaying no aggressiveness. North of the river enemy troops and equipment continued to be seen and numerous artillery missions were fired. Late in the afternoon six enemy were seen to move an artillery piece into position at 054254 and then fire into Haguenau. They and the gun were promptly put out of action by artillery fire.



30 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. There were no important developments during the day and the enemy remained inactive. At 1410 fifty enemy who were observed assembling at 081212 were dispersed by artillery fire. Some vehicular traffic was reported in the vicinity of Oberhoffen - Schirrhein. Enemy fire was light although Haguenau was shelled several times by artillery and mortars. At 2115 the 2nd Bn, 313th relieved the 1st Bn which assembled in reserve at 027231.

31 January

a. Division CP: 900172, Schwindratzheim

b. During the night the Division successfully patrolled across the Moder River. Patrols of the 313th found the enemy present in strength in the northeastern outskirts of Haguenau. Large groups of enemy at 053263 and 123219 were the targets for artillery fire and a direct hit by an artillery shell was made on an enemy howitzer at 091204. During the night Haguenau was shelled with artillery and direct fire and twice during the afternoon for periods of thirty minutes 150mm fire was received in the town at the rate of one round per minute. Enemy mortar and direct fire was also received at Kaltenhouse where the church steeple was knocked down at 0935 by a concentration of direct fire. Continued traffic was observed at Schirrhein.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 312200 Dec 44  
TO : 012200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
012400 January 1945

No. 175

MAPS: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- Enemy Front Lines: SIEGFRIED LINE with outposts to the South of the line.
- Units in Contact: Battle groups and Volksturm Battalions.
- Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: During the past 24 hours elements of the following Divs have been identified on the left flank of VI Corps and in the zone of the XV Corps: 256th VG Div; 257th VG Div; 559th VG Div; 361st VG Div; 36th Inf Div; 17th SS Pz Gren Div and 19th Inf Div. Still uncontacted are the 245th VG Div; 347th VG Div; 25th Pz Gren; 21st Lz Div and 11th Pz Div. All of the uncontacted divisions were identified in the Seventh Army sector during the month of December.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- General Summary: Enemy arty fire increased at midnight with 100 rounds falling in HERR and over 50 rounds hitting in the WISSENBURG area. Bldg was again shelled with 30 rounds at 0450 hrs. A patrol of the 315th Inf reported no enemy in the western part of OBER OTTERBACH during the night. Flare activity was again observed on the Div front. During the day the 315th Inf reported a slight increase in artillery and continued to receive fire from a direct fire weapon. A 314th Inf patrol reported that the former enemy outpost vic 349439 had withdrawn N of the AT ditch to 350446 leaving a trip wire across the road at 349444. Groups of enemy vic 210525 and 226528 were fired on by our arty with good results. Two white ground flares were fired from the southern part of STEINFELD (2250) at 1645 hrs. An outpost of the 3rd Bn, 315th Inf, was approached by a strong enemy patrol at 1715 hrs vic 238450. Two of the enemy were believed killed and the remainder dispersed. One MG-107 and one JU-88 were over the Div sector at 0900 hrs. The JU-88 was shot down at 232500 and its 3 men crew found dead. A 315th Inf patrol reported SAFTWAYER clear of enemy at 2100 hrs. An 18 man enemy patrol was observed at 315365 at 2145 hrs and driven off by the 79th Hon Tr supported by arty fire. One wounded PW was taken who stated that the patrol came from the east bank of the RHINE RIVER.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- PWs evacuated through PW: 3
- Total PWs to date: 21,111
- No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's, WISSENBURG and civilian road patrols.
- Heavy enemy pressure continues on the Corps W flank and attack in nature of infiltration continues in the NEUNROFFEN (09145) - GERSCHLEBACH (09548) area. Air CP reported an estimated 500 enemy foot troops moving SW vic 0813427 at 1500 hrs. In 45th Div zone enemy continues infiltration tactics without arty preparation or support and some enemy have infiltrated into LACH (09204).
- Weather forecast: Overcast with light intermittent snow showers in morning and late evening. Visibility 5-9 miles, but 2-4 miles in showers. Min tem 26.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- To defend from the SIEGFRIED LINE.
- To increase activity in this sector as a diversion from the main attack.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 012200 Jan 45  
TO: 022200 Jan 45  
M: 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
022400 January 1945

No. 176

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: SIGGERS LINE.
- b. Units in Contact: Battle groups and Volksturm Battalions.
- c. Order of Battle: The 5th SS Mountain Div, a recent arrival from FULDA, was identified in the 45th Div sector today.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: Enemy arty fire was light in all sectors during the night. A 315th Inf night patrol reported a group of 15 enemy in GERM OFFENACH and heard voices in two buildings. A small amount of enemy flare activity was observed. At 0615 hrs a 10-12 man combat patrol appeared in front of the 314th Inf sector north of BURG and after a fire fight, one wounded PW was taken. Throughout the day enemy arty, estimated to be 150mm caliber, fell sporadically in WILSHOLM with the interdiction of the bridge as the apparent target. Some smoke shells were fired into SCHMIDHOFEN (1849) at 1000 hrs. During the afternoon flat trajectory fire was received via 186520 and 188513. The 315th Inf reported hearing enemy MG fire via 186516 and vehicular activity in GERM OFFENACH at 1800 hrs. Two patrols of the 314th Inf made contact with each other via 328456, with no enemy reported to that point. The 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, reported a red flash observed via of AUSTRIAN shortly after friendly bombers had passed over the Div area at 1845 hrs and the sound of motors in the same vicinity. One PW 190 was over the Div sector at 0950 hrs and one MS 109 was reported at 1050 hrs. At noon, 2 MS 109s and one hostile P 51 were sighted, but made no attack, in the Div zone. Three unidentified planes, possibly jet-propelled, were seen at 1445 hrs, and one of them dropped an air bomb via 18601541.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PW 1
- b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 2
- c. Total PWs to date: 21,117
- d. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- e. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, P. Enclosure, Inf Regts, WILSHOLM and civilian road patrols.
- f. 45th Inf Div sector: After patrolling, enemy resorted to infiltration tactics via 328463 and 355477 at 1800 hrs with a S/A flight still in progress. Strong enemy pressure and contact continues in BALKENTHAL (43442) sector although only light resistance reported by our troops advancing N from FULDA (3842). At 1300 hrs estimated company of enemy attacked road block of 313th Inf in WILSHOLM (47837). The attack was repulsed and our advance continued against light resistance. Estimated Co. of enemy has been attacking SW from 4750425 since 1300 hrs but has gained no ground. Strong enemy road block supported by 2 tanks reported via 4725398.

g. Weather Forecast: 3 Jan - High and middle clouds throughout day. Visibility 1-2 miles until 1100 hrs due to fog, improving to 5-6 miles after that. Min Temp: 16°.

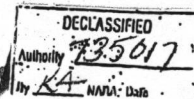
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To defend from the SIGGERS LINE.
- b. To increase activity in this sector as a diversion from the main attack.

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MICROFILMED INTELLIGENCE II

Surrender Ultimatum and Reply

"To the U.S.A. Commander of the Encircled Town of Bastogne.

The fortune of war is changing. This time the U.S.A. forces in and near BASTOGNE have been encircled by strong German armed units. More German armed units have crossed the River MEUSE near GUTHMUNTER, have taken MARCHIE and reached ST HUBERT by passing through FOMMEL-SIEPPE-THIESS. LEBELGONY is in German hands.

There is only one possibility to save the encircled U.S.A. troops from total annihilation: that is the honorable surrender of the encircled town. In order to think it over, a term of two hours will be granted beginning with the presentation of this note.

If this proposal should be rejected, the German Arty Corps and six dry AA Bns are ready to annihilate the U.S.A. troops in and near BASTOGNE. The order for firing will be given immediately after this two hours term.

All the serious civilian losses caused by this arty fire would not correspond with the well known American humanity.

"The German Commander"

The German Commander received the following reply:

22 December 1944

"To the German Commander:

N U T S ! !

"The American Commander"

(Source: 101st Air Div) (60th Div)

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The following is a translation of a document found in the wallet of a dead German soldier.

EXCERPTS OF A SPEECH OF THE FUHRER IN 1950

Finally, after England and Ireland have become protectorates of the Greater Germany, and, after my old comrade Hermann Goering has become Czar of Russia, Roosevelt has agreed to offer me the United States of America as a Greater German colony. France, too, has now returned to the Greater German Reich.

In agreement with our East-Asiatic brothers-in-arms we fixed today the German-Japanese border, which concludes another chapter in the history of this, our world. Now there is no more European politics, now there won't be any more surprises in Europe.

At this moment let me take out time to thank those men who have worked in such an unselfish manner for the cause. Let me mention first of all SS Oberfuehrer (Major) HITLER, then there is SS Brigadefuehrer (Brig Gen) CHURCHILL, and in spite of all those who have doubted him for such a long time, our friend SS Untersturmfuehrer (Lt) STEIN. Lt STEIN is now taking a course in leadership at the Ordensburg Sonthofen School.

Most of my thanks are due, however, to the new leader of the Catholic Church our party-member Rosenberg, now Pope Pius XIV.

Let us all arise and pay tribute to the late Governor of India, party-member Gandhi. I thank you.

The Governor of Jerusalem, party-member Dr Goebbels, sends, today, the regards and best wishes of all Arabic people. With grateful joy, I, hereby, appoint him Chief Rabbi of the entire district of Palestine.

I am particularly happy to announce that, in agreement with the Czar of Russia and the Holy Father in Rome, we will start this year's collection for the winter's aid, already, on May 1st, in order to enable our countrymen in Siberia to receive their packages in time for Christmas.

(-Gen Paulsen-)



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From: 022200 Jan 45  
To : 032200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
032400 January 1945

No. 177

Re: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: No contact. There was little evidence of an immediate enemy follow-up.
- b. Units in Contact: No contact.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary: Some arty fell in the 315th Inf sector early in the period and enemy activity was heard via 336407. Vehicular movement was also heard in OMEN OTTERBACH (1752). The enemy did not interfere with the movement of the Division. Two persons, believed to be German soldiers, were observed at the bridge in KISSLEBOURG at 1000 hrs. A twelve man enemy patrol was observed at 1500 hrs moving N on road from KUTHERN (2037) to NECKBILDER (2939). The 813th TD Bn fired on the group and scored several hits on the patrol. Enemy arty fire was negligible during the day and no enemy aircraft were reported over the Div sector.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PW 4
- b. Total PWs to date: 21,121
- c. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW enclosure, Inf Regts and civilian road patrols.
- e. 45th Inf Div sector as of 1945 hrs: strong enemy contact continues in PHILLIPSHART (3742) - BAHMENTHAL (8442) area. In WILDENGUTH (7837) - REIPERTS-ILLER (8037) sector, reports indicate attempt being made to consolidate positions on high ground from 790382 to 805375 in anticipation of proposed reinforcements to arrive tonight. Enemy attack from West in undetermined strength to dislodge our troops from WILDENGUTH repulsed. Increased OP fire reported in REIPERTS-ILLER. At last reports elements of 457 Regt, 257 VG Div, stubbornly resisting our attack SARRENBERG (7441) and North from KOHLHUTTE (7438). There were no new identifications. 361st VG Div appears strongly concentrated in WILDENGUTH-REIPERTS-ILLER area. 11th and 12th SS Mountain Regts, 6th SS Mountain Div likely to reinforce that sector tonight. Remainder of Div sector quiet. (45th Div).

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To patrol to determine our new positions.

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FROM: 032200 Jan 45  
TO: 042200 Jan 45  
By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
042400 January 1945

No. 178

maps: No change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: There is no known enemy front line, but patrols are now operating between the LAUBER RIVER and the LACINOT LINE.  
b. Units in Contact: Patrol Contact only.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: There was no enemy activity during the night. This morning the 1st Platoon of the 315th Inf reported REUSELTZ (1543) clear, but enemy outposts located at 159485 and 155457. GELSENBAACH (1841) and BUHL (1935) were also reported clear of enemy at 1100 hrs. During the afternoon the 315th Inf reported enemy at 165446 with enemy activity vic 173455 and 177444. Elements of the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf engaged a 3 man patrol vic 183388 at 1430 hrs and the entire patrol was captured after a brief fire fight in which one of the Germans was wounded. The 314th Inf reported that civilians stated a 3 man enemy patrol on bicycles was on the SELLZ-BIELENHILL road early in the afternoon and that the Germans started to repair the bridge at NEU LAUTERBURG yesterday. At 2100 hrs the 314th Inf reported small arms and flare activity in the BIELENHILL area.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Pws evacuated through P1: 7  
b. Pws evacuated through medical channels: 1  
c. Total Pws to date: 21,129  
d. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.  
e. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGGENAU and civilian road patrols.  
f. 45th Inf Div sector as of 1800 hrs: Enemy activity increased in DARBACH area where four tanks and a 2nd gun have been firing at our troops. Enemy activity in PHILLIPSBURG-BIELENHILL area consists of strong patrols and intense mortar and arty fire on forward elements. Some decrease in enemy pressure in HILFENST-WILLER - WILDENGUTH area since 1300 hrs. Estimated 60 Pws captured in BREGENHILL (47937). Attack N from LINGEN (47335) - LIEBENAU (47634) road meeting 4th, mortar and MG fire on forward elements. Arty fire light. (45th Div)

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To patrol to determine strength and location of our positions.

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# Enemy Order of Battle Facts, (Cont'd)

itted 9VG, 167 VG, and 15 Pz Gren Divs plus 3 Pz Gren and 1 SS Pz Divs, transferred from the Panzer striking force in the North, had to be employed in a desperate effort to halt or blunt the smashing pressure of the Third US Army offensive. This shuffling of Panzer units, reminiscent of enemy tactics last fall, indicates strongly that he has no uncommitted reserve in the West. The enemy in some form has committed all his available Panzer reserve and he must win or lose with the armored cards he has on the table.

One of the most significant factors of the German offensive has been the failure of his Infantry to hold the ground captured by the Panzers in their initial successes. When they turned northward toward the HERS and LIEKE leaving the Infantry to protect the southern flank, the Volksgrenadiers wilted and withered on the vine under the Third US Army assault. This failure of the Volksgrenadiers indicates strongly that they are no better than any of the rest of the low-grade Infantry which has preceded them to destruction in recent months in the West. So far, as a result of the Third US Army offensive-busting assault, five German Infantry Divs have been wiped out (26 VG, 212 VG, 276 VG, 352 VG (now out of contact) and 5 Para), and three panzers, 116, 130 and 15 PG, severely mauled. The near destruction of these divisions necessitated the commitment of 79 VG last week and 9 and 169 VG, 3 PG and 1 SS this week.

Except for 9 and 560 VG from LIEKE, actually part of the Volksgrenadier crop of divisions being formed in GERMANY, no Infantry has yet appeared from other theaters in the offensive. The Infantry, 2 Ltn and 5 SS Ltn have been reported en route from GERMANY and Infantry from the Italian Front has been rumored departing for the West. However, none of these units has yet materialized on the battlefield. Instead, the brunt of the Infantry fighting has been borne by the Volksgrenadiers aided by 3 and 5 Para Divs, themselves actually no better than Volksgrenadier caliber. Further, even the Volksgrenadiers have appeared in far lesser numbers than expected. This may be due to a number of factors, among them the growing demands of the Western Front, but whatever the reason, it is highly significant that the enemy's build up in the offensive areas is less than one-fourth of his estimated capability.

## 2. Summary

On the basis of the above enumerated significant facts it is indicated that:

a. Third US Army's HERS threat has forced the enemy to redispense his armor and that all his available armored reserve in the West is either committed or in tactical reserve.

b. The enemy's Infantry is of low-grade quality and has proved a definite weakness in the offensive.

c. The enemy's losses from US air and ground assaults have been high, totaling the equivalent of five divisions on Third US Army front alone. Due to these losses and the tearing HERS wedge, the enemy is now in a position where he must either "rust out" to the N, S or in some other sector in an effort to relieve this pressure or "get out" and retire behind the HERS LIEKE. (XUBA)

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## HERSCHELL'S INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

a. Surrender story: A man from the GI defending KILBURN found Christmas was without cheer in 1934 when he belonged to the German army. To solve the problem, they decided to spend New Years Eve with the Americans. There was a slight technical difficulty of crossing the MIA without qualifying for the Purple Heart. They drew lots, and the lucky winner was sent in advance and "quartering" party, to inform GI Joe that the remainder would come within 24 hours, and as they were harmless, there was no need in expending valuable ammunition which might be needed elsewhere. Even though the "quartering Party" was unable to complete his mission satisfactorily, his eight buddies received a hearty welcome from a 317th Inf wire patrol. They have been feasting on G-rations ever since. (EO div)

Goering's Medal: The apt current story in German Army: Due to the great difficulty of sorting out the decorations from all former battalions states, Reichs Marshal Goering has put his G/D specialists to work cataloging his medals. He is said to present to be parading in Berlin wearing no decorations, but only the in-

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 042200 Jan 45  
TO: 052200 Jan 45  
HQ 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
052400 January 1945

No. 179

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: The enemy has established a bridgehead on the west bank of the RHINE RIVER including the towns of ROHRELLER (1217) - HANDELHOLM (1214) - OFFENBACH (1312) and GIESSEN (1110). Only patrols encountered an Northern front.

b. Units in Contact: Fns taken from VII Bn M/V MIA.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: During the night two concentrations of enemy arty landed vic 1443 at 0300 hrs and 0339 hrs. Night patrols of the 315th Inf went to 173-417, 157435, 138439 and 120451 and encountered no enemy. Several enemy patrols were reported in the 232nd Inf sector at 1000 hrs and shortly after, it appeared that the enemy had crossed to the east bank of the RHINE RIVER under cover of darkness. A few friendly engineers were reported ambushed by an enemy patrol at 093095. Enemy patrols were also reported at 100115 and 060123 shortly after 1000 hrs. An air CP located 40-50 Germans vic 060115 at 1015 hrs. OFFENBACH was reported occupied by the enemy at 1030 hrs. Before noon the enemy had apparently surrounded HANDELHOLM and were attempting to infiltrate into GIESSEN. Arty air Gts reported during the afternoon that the enemy was crossing the river vic 135095 and 1715 with much barge movement seen. The 79th Recon Tr reported HANDELHOLM (0512) clear at 1300 hrs but contacted an estimated platoon of enemy vic 081115. At 1410 hrs DUESSELDORF (1618) was shelled from E of the river and the enemy was contacted near the town. 20 rounds of arty also fell E of HANDELHOLM (0808) at 1410 hrs. At 1530 hours as a 79th Recon platoon neared ROHRELLER (1217) they received mortar fire at west edge of town. They estimated one Company of enemy to be in the town. 37 enemy were reported digging in east of the demolished bridge site at 12171 at 1730 hrs. The 3rd Bn, 313th Inf reported that a 4 man enemy patrol was contacted vic 195410 and a 6 man patrol vic 215395. The patrol at 195410 was engaged in a fire fight, following which the enemy withdrew to the east. Patrols of the 315th Inf reported a 12 man enemy patrol vic 162448 and 15 enemy on south edge of HOTT (1247). Sporadic MG fire from vic HANDELHOLM (1543) was received by the 2nd Bn, 315th Inf during midday.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- Fns evacuated through Fm: 22
- Fns evacuated through medical channels: 12
- Total Fns to date: 21,163
- Location of CIC personnel: Div Ck, Pk enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU and civilian road patrols.
- 45th Div Sector: Enemy attempts to organize and regroup forces in area W of REIPERSWILLER resulted in scattered breaks in resistance. Otherwise contact has been consistent. Small enemy groups armed with automatic weapons infiltrating in woods vic 4850370 - 4857367 - 4868361 and along road vic 4867376 and 4870264. Elements of II Bn, 951st Gr and 361st Fus Co crossed road vic 4826370 and are attempting to capture castle vic 4818358. Enemy contact on W flank vic GOTTEN BRUCK (7442) unchanged but enemy pressure has relaxed vic PHILLIPSBOURG. Scattered movement of personnel and vehicles continues vic of DAKEN. Air CP reports enemy laying mines and constructing road blocks vic 4823435 and 4811433. (45th Div)

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- To continue to patrol on our northern front.
- To defend present bridgehead.
- To reinforce the bridgehead under cover of darkness tonight.

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PW states that they did not know that DRUSSENHILL was occupied by American troops. Each Co has approx 9-12 MGs, and the remainder of the personnel are armed with rifles. There are no heavy weapons in the bn. Pws state that the abbreviation for units name is 7th Combat Bn, of the V Army Corps, and that similar units have been employed in the COLLIER pocket. The platoon leader, a M/Sgt of the platoon that was destroyed in the vic of DRUSSENHILL, was killed and that a Gefreiter (Corporal) took command. Pws were not sure of the exact mission of the platoon, but stated that they were alerted last night in LICHTENAU and told that they were to cross the RHINE this morning. Apparently only the platoon leader knew the exact mission. None of Pws saw any heavy concentration of troops in vic of LICHTENAU, or saw any concentration of tanks.

- e. Pw of the 7th Co, 7th Pz Gr Regt, 7th Pz Div was last with his unit in vic of LICHTENAU on 20 Nov when he received a furlough and deserted to Alsace.
- f. Pw of the 1st Co, 1st Signal Tng Bn was last with his unit on 20 Sept at KOBLENZ, received furlough to Alsace and deserted.
- g. Pw of the 252nd Hon Sq, 252nd Inf Div was last with his unit at WILHELM on 8 Nov 43, was wounded and sent to hospital where he stayed until 11 Nov 44, when he received a furlough to Alsace and deserted.
- h. 2nd Co, 25th AF Bn, 25th Pz Gr Div was last with his unit in vic of LICHTENAU on 15 Nov, deserted and went to his home in KOTERN.
- i. Pw of the 3rd Co, 1542nd AA Bn was last with his unit in FORTAU on 1 Nov when he received furlough to KOTERN and deserted.
- j. Pw of the Army Medical Staff, Braunau, was last with his unit in BUCHAU on the River In on the 19th of Oct, received furlough to KOBLENZ and stayed there. Pw was medical officer with rank of 1st Lt.
- k. Pw of the 231st Hvy Homs (Heimat) AA Bn/VII was last with his unit in KOBLENZ on 20 Sept, received furlough to SOULT sous FOUILLY and deserted.

4. Morale

Good to excellent.

5. Supply

Both food and ammunition supplies were entirely adequate in all units contacted with the only exception being in the Volksturm where they complained of the quality of the food.

6. Enemy Installations

- CP VII Bn E/V LICHTENAU
- 37mm AT gun in pillbox at 22525143
- 27mm AT gun in pillbox at 22464149
- 75mm AT gun in pillbox at 22415151

7. Personalities

	Units	File
Capt SCHLAMBURG	CO 1st Co, GPF Inf Bn	74613065
1st Lt von LUBEN	CO Battle Group LUBER	None
1st Lt STEFANS	CO 2nd Co, VII Bn E/V	65193
Major MULLER		

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MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

Extract from 307 A/B Engr Rer report:

a direct shell hit on Co "C" CP in Bn made the roof leak and broke the mirror in the Inn Bar. This place was no longer thought suitable or befitting an engineer habitation. An immediate move was made. (Source: 2nd A/B Div) (VII Corps)

Know Your Tanks: 4th Arm Div has just received a number of replacement tanks, 14 of which are the new type with 76mm gun and muzzle brake, Christie suspension low silhouette, all of which makes it look almost identical to the German tank. All commanders will inform their units of this matter and caution them to make sure that they do not fire on our tanks of this type (Source: VII Corps) (VII Corps)

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 052200 Jan 45  
TO : 062200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
062400 January 1945

No. 180

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On northern front, enemy occupies REIDELT (1543), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), OBERSEEBACH (1840) and north of STUNDWILLER (1836). In bridgehead area enemy still holds S of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLSHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312) and GABBSHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Ken Bn; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div; KG VON LOEKEN.

c. Reserves and other Forces Capable of Intervention: The remainder of the 21st Pz Div can be expected to follow its Ken Bn to the WISSELBURG area. The 245th VG Div, out of contact for the past few days, is a likely infantry division candidate to accompany the 21st Pz Div to this area.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: During the night a 14 man enemy patrol probed STATTMATTEN (1921) and at 0500 hrs elements of a Company of the 232nd Inf were reported surrounded in the town. One platoon of the 79th Ken Troop supported by a platoon of light tanks recaptured the town around noon, relieving the friendly troops and capturing 60 Pws, including 4 officers. Our outposts vic 149419 and 160403 were hit by strong enemy patrols with half track support. The outposts were reestablished during the day but the enemy hit again at 1800 hrs and forced one outpost back into the MLK. Patrol activity continued during the day on the front of the 222nd Inf with several fire fights reported. Patrols were also active vic STUNDWILLER and the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf captured some enemy and inflicted numerous casualties to enemy groups in the area during the afternoon. Some enemy mortar fire was received vic 135433 at 0845 hrs and 151146 at 1510 hrs. Tracked vehicular movement was heard east of the RHINE RIVER at 1100 hrs. 242nd Inf patrols observed no enemy movement from an CP at 212362 and found NIEDERRODERN (2334) and KESSELDORF (2430) clear at 1400 hrs although civilians stated that a 5 man enemy patrol had just left the latter town to return to SMITZ (2732). The enemy offered considerable resistance in the bridgehead area but SESSENHEIM (1822) and STATTMATTEN were recaptured during the morning by the 79th Ken Troop and the 314th Inf took ROHRWILLER (1217) and cleaned up the southern half of DRUSENHEIM taking approximately 40 Pws. A small counterattack S of ROHRWILLER was broken up by arty fire. Elements of TF LINDEN encountered stiff opposition vic GABBSHEIM and a counterattack forced our troops west to the canal. Reports indicated that the enemy was using tanks in the GABBSHEIM area. Arty fire was received in the 222nd Inf sector with the heaviest fire at 1900 hrs. Some enemy infiltration was attempted after dark in the left flank of this regiment.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Pws evacuated through Pw: 145

b. Pws evacuated through medical channels 3

c. Total Pws to date: 21,311

d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, H. enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUEHAU and civilian road patrols.

e. No enemy tanks destroyed during period. The 222nd Inf reported knocking out one enemy halftrack by rifle grenade fire.

f. Elements of the 313th Inf, operating with the 45th Div, captured 129 Pws today, bringing their total to well over 300 since operating in that sector. In addition it has severely mauled two bns of the 361st Div.

g. 45th Div sector: Enemy troops dug in E of LICHTENBERG (R8235) remained defensive but estimated 100 Pws taken in that area. Enemy became aggressive in PHILLIPSBURG (R8742) with small attacks toward the town. Enemy continues to hold out in part of WINGEN (R7335). Elsewhere close contact continues. (45th Div)

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IPW annex (Cont'd)

Signal Section, 118th Marsch Bn has a strength of 25 men and was organized in Coblenz one month ago. The Signal section joined the 118th Marsch Bn in Darmstadt and came to Berg Zabern on 18 Dec where the entire Bn was employed to occupy pillboxes of the Siegfried Line vic of the towns of Berg Zabern, Doerenbach, Bollenborn and Nieder Schlettbach. Pw sent out with 24 men to Weiller to establish a radio station there with call signal of Siegfried III. Call sign of the Bn Hq is G-6G in Berg Zabern. Bn has a strength of 4 Co's for a total of 450 men. Bn trains are in Niederschlettenbach (085540). Bn kitchen at Bollenborn (145555). Pw states that he heard noises of tracked vehicles, possibly tanks in vic of Berg Zabern on 2 Jan.

1 Bn E/V is composed of 3 companies with a total strength of approx 300 men and was assembled in Freistatt on 4 Jan in preparation of a crossing of the Rhine at 137096. Mission of the Bn was to occupy Gamsheim. Pw states that many casualties were suffered in the fight for Gamsheim and that after it had been won, the 1st Co was put into position S of Gamsheim, the 2nd Co West and the 3rd Co, North. Pw states that the town was attacked from the South and the 1st Co was destroyed. 59 Pws were taken from the 1st Co and the remainder of the Co was either wounded or killed. Pw states that another attack on the village also came from the Northwest, and that he saw many wounded from the 2nd or 3rd Cos, being evacuated across the Rhine River.

Pw of the 3rd Co, 291st Inf Repl Eng Bn states that his company is on the East bank of the Rhine River in the vic of Schwarzbach. Pw has been on more than 5 patrols with a mission of finding strength of units occupying Trusenheim and Stettmatten in the past two weeks, and always reported towns clear. Pw grew weary of shuttling across the Rhine and deserted on last mission, which was on night of 3-4 Jan.

Co Zar is an Engineer Co formed from men of the 27th Engr Repl Eng Bn and was split up into 4 platoons and attached to the 1 Bn E/V. Mission of Pws platoon was to sweep road leading from Gamsheim to River, of mines and repair where necessary. Pw was an Alsatian and deserted as soon as he crossed the Rhine.

Battle Group von Loewen has a present strength of 50 men, according to Pws. Pws state that all GAF personnel has been withdrawn from the unit and that the unit is under the tactical control of the 1st Volksturm Bn. Pw was part of a 5 man patrol sent out with a mission to determine enemy strength and disposition in vic of Stundwiller. Pw states that patrol made rcn of Hapsweyer, Niederlauterbach and Stundwiller but all they found was 2 packs of Chesterfields and plenty of American fire in Stundwiller. Pw states that only one man of the patrol escaped. CP and entire Battle Group von Loewen has now moved to Trimbach.

Bn Hoppe was a hastily organized Bn with a strength of approx 200-250 men with mission of crossing the Rhine at 231211 and occupying Stettmatten. Bn crossed on 5 Jan between hours of 1300-1800. Bn consisted of Co Lorenz, Co Menzel and two half strength companies named Co Biefert and Co Winmar. Co Sturminger consisting of approx 55 Volksturm was later called up as reinforcements. Pws believed Stettmatten and vic to be held only lightly by rear-guard units that were protecting American withdrawals. 4 of 5 Bn officers, including the Bn CO, were captured, remaining officer was wounded. Bn CO states that the Bn is part of Regiment Biefert or Biefrank which is under the tactical control of the staff of the 553rd VG Div. Pw states that Regiment Biefert has one other Bn of approx strength of Bn Hoppe, which was likely to follow Bn Hoppe. All units including the Bn were named after their commanders. Bn Hoppe was originally formed 10-15 Dec 44 with a strength of two companies. The Bn strength varied from time to time sometimes having 6 companies and sometimes having as little as one. Bn CO states that his Bn at the time of crossing the Rhine had a strength of 2 full companies and two half companies with a total personnel of 200-250 men. Attack took the German troops by surprise and estimates as to casualties vary from 30-120 men. Pws state that besides 65 prisoners taken from the Bn he counted at least 27 dead or wounded. Bn CO states that his unit was to get food from the town of Stettmatten itself, until supplies could be transported across the Rhine.

Deserter Pw in civilian clothes states that unit wearing the number 111 on shoulder straps moved from Kehl to Freistatt. Pw also states that he saw an

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G-2 FIELD NO. 181

FROM: 062200 Jan 45  
TO: 072200 Jan 45  
HQ 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
072200 January 1945

No. 181

INFO: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: On northern front enemy occupies CLAMMING (1144), HUGOLSHILL (1041), SCHROCH (1837), STUNDILLER (1836) and BURL (2035). NIEDERHOLLEN (2234) is not held by the enemy but BATTLE (2732) is reported to have 200 troops in it. In bridgehead area enemy holds southern half of DIBSCHHILL (1517), HERRLISHEIL (1214), OFFERDORF (1212), GALLSHILL (1110) and BATTENHOFFEN (1009).
- b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Gren Bn and 3rd Co, 192nd Pz Gren Regt of the 21st Pz Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div and 405th Div.
- c. Reserves and other Forces Capable of Intervention: With the identification of the 192nd Pz Gren Regt today, its sister regiment, the 125th Pz Gren Regt, may be expected to make an appearance shortly. There were indications that one enemy buildup was being made in the HUGOLSHILL - SCHROCH - STUNDILLER area.

2. LATELY OBSERVED ENEMY ACTIVITY.

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front: The night was quiet until 0500 hrs when vehicular activity was heard. Listening post was driven in by an enemy patrol at 104400. At 0700 hrs the enemy started to apply pressure on the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf sector and with tanks and infantry drove our outposts from SCHROCH and STUNDILLER after street fighting. During the day an estimated 15 tanks, including 4k VI and 4k V, operated in the HUGOLSHILL - BURL area. Five of these tanks were reported knocked out or disabled by mines, T guns and arty fire. Five small infantry attacks were made in the 313th Inf sector and all were repulsed. Due to our arty and mortar fire enemy activity decreased during the afternoon although movement of German into HUGOLSHILL was observed shortly before dark. The enemy was attempting to retrieve his tanks in the minefield at 1445 hrs although the positions were being harassed by our fire. Patrols of the 242nd Inf observed some enemy movement N. of NIEDERHOLLEN and two members of an enemy patrol were captured in the town. KESSELDOERF was also found clear. Enemy patrols were also active on the left flank of the 222nd Inf and some fire was received from a direct fire weapon. Heavy vehicular traffic was reported moving from STUNDILLER to BURL at 2045 hrs.

(2) Bridgehead Area: The 313th Inf received some arty during the first part of the period and arty was also reported in HERRLISHEIL (0512). The enemy remained aggressive and attacked DIBSCHHILL with an estimated 8-10 tanks and one bn of infantry which succeeded in capturing the southern half of the town. South-east of HERRLISHEIL (1217) the enemy also attacked with infantry supported by five tanks, 4 of which were destroyed. The other enemy tank was destroyed in DIBSCHHILL. Four of the tanks were knocked out by Co B, 47th Tk Bn and one by the 813th TD Bn with two probably destroyed. During the night the bridgehead was reinforced with tanks, SF guns and T guns with the GALLSHILL bridgehead being the apparent main point of crossing. The 79th Recon Troop reported HERRLISHEIL (2023) and HERRLISHEIL (1924) clear during the morning but located a defended road block at 233235 and enemy dug in from 239244 to 265245. Another Recon patrol reached 194205 at 1720 hrs and observed an occupied pillbox at 188202 and heard enemy movement along the stream in the vicinity. Elements of the 232nd Inf captured 2 LRs from a 5 man enemy patrol that entered STATTLETTEN (1921) at 1800 hrs. The French attack on BATTENHOFFEN met considerable resistance and after destroying two enemy tanks and capturing 60 Pz a force withdrew to KILSTETT. After dark considerable enemy vehicular activity was heard in the HUGOLSHILL - HERRLISHEIL area.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Pz evacuated through IL: 96
- b. Pz evacuated through medical channels: 31



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having received Volksturm replacements. PW states that both co's withdrew from the line they held after heavy fire fights.

1st Co, 8th V was originally formed from Alarm Co's from the DMG/Inf 11th in the area of COS (337215). It crossed RHINE RIVER at 1300G. PW states that the original mission of the brigade to take and hold DUISBURGHEIM; the 1st Co on the N of the village, and Co to the S and 3rd to the E. PW states that the Bn has suffered heavy losses and many have been taken prisoner. Each company is equipped with heavy machine and rifles. PW states that no heavy weapons had yet been brought over the river, but that they were promised support of SP guns and tanks with arty following a few days later. The 1st Co now has about 50 men, the 2nd Co 50 men and the 3rd Co 30 men. PW states that no replacements have been received. Co CP of 1st Co captured in paper factory at DUISBURGHEIM, Co CO seriously wounded and captured together with the 1st Sgt.

2nd Co, 8th V, according to PW, belongs to the 40th Administrative Div and is formed from personnel drawn from the 25th AF Regt The Bn and attached to 1st Co 8th V for AF protection. PW states that the co has a strength of 120 men who are armed across the river with 54 bazookas. One rather enthusiastic and talkative PW states that 2 SP 75mm guns were in the DUISBURGHEIM, but has never seen them. One PW was captured while protecting Co CP of 3rd Co, 8th V in factory.

3rd Co, 8th V, is now located in a house at DUISBURGHEIM vic of bridge at DUISBURGHEIM. The PW taken from this unit had been sent to DUISBURGHEIM to set up a new area and work route for rest of Battle Group. PW states that the unit is now composed of 3 batteries each having 3-88mm guns which are used as arty. PW states that the guns are Russian 88mm M guns rebarbed so that 88mm ammo can be used. Unit has a strength of approx 300 men and receives its orders from the arty units that are in the sector. Formerly received orders from 25th Arty when attached to it in the DUISBURGHEIM.

4th Co, 8th V (also known as "Battalions") PW was deserter NCO who stated that almost the entire co was destroyed. Approx 70 PWs have been taken from this unit. Original mission of the co was to take GUSCHHEIM. Their attacks were unsuccessful and PW states that Bn withdrew to a line along the RHINE at 114092 and dug in there. PW deserted 061200 Jan.

5th Co, 8th V is a Bn of 3 co's organized from members of the Army NCO School "Hittingen" and Jahrgang (Unterführer-Jahrgang (Sub-NCO School) with an approx strength of 350 men. The Bn was formerly known as Bn Schmidt, but the two Bn's are identical. Mission of the Bn is to secure the bridgehead's flank and extend to KESSELN if possible. PW states that the Bn consisting of 2 inf co's supported by the 4th (hvy) Co in dug in vic 115078. Bn strength now approx 300 men. 4th Co, 8th V, Treutler has 6 mortars (3-80mm, 3-120mm) set up along the IL RIVER, exact location unknown.

6th Co, 8th V, 21st Pz Bn Bn arrived in DUISBURGHEIM morning of 6 Jan. PW states that only one platoon of 30 men carried in trucks arrived in DUISBURGHEIM from vic PLOMBACH. Patrol of that strength was sent out to determine the extent of the American withdrawal in the sector with the mission of going to hill at 106428. PW states that there are 20 half-tracks in co, with approx 100 men and 20 LMGs. PW says that the Bn is likely to follow in a few days. The strength of the Bn Bn is about 500 men with the 4th Co being a hvy co. PW did not know the weapons of the 4th Co but stated that the first three co's were half-track co's with about 20 half-tracks each. PW states that the unit was last in contact with the enemy 10 days ago vic DUISBURGHEIM. PW states that the Bn Bn has no tanks.

7th Co, 8th V, 21st Pz Bn Bn has approx 65 men and 4-122mm gun hows (Russian). The entire Bn is only one Bn which is now also called Einheit. Two observers were sent across the river to establish an CP which they did in the paper factory below DUISBURGHEIM. Both O and NCO were captured and stated that they directed first missions (6) up until the time of capture, one mission being fire upon American tanks. Officer, formerly a member of 1314th Arty Bn which is in vic of KESSELN, was suddenly alerted two nights ago and told to go across the river with VII Bn 8th V to direct arty fire in their support.

8. Morale: Generally good although somewhat lower than previously reported. Lack of food and success being main reasons for lowered morale.



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FROM: 072200 Jan 45  
TO: 082200 Jan 45  
By: 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
082400 January 1945

No. 182

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern front enemy holds CLEEBURG (1144), WOODSHILL (1441), ASCHERH (1837), STUNDILLER (1836) and MUEL (2035). In bridgehead area enemy occupies southern half of MUESENHILL (1517), MUESENHILL (1214), OFENBERG (1512), GLENNHILL (1110) and HETTINGER (1009).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: 2 Pns captured by the 36th Sngro were from the 937th Regt of 225th VG Div and stated that the 1st and 2nd Co's were in CLEEBURG.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front: The 3rd Bn, 313th Inf received some mortar fire during the night and a small enemy patrol was reported in the same sector at 0525 hrs. At 0700 hrs elements of the 125th and 192nd Pz Gren Regts attacked the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, but the attack was broken up by small arms and arty fire. Enemy infantry supported by 10 tanks again attacked the same place at 0800 hrs but after suffering severe casualties in men and tanks, broke off the assault shortly before noon. When the Germans attempted to reorganize in the WUESENHILL area, 12 P-47's hit the town with unobserved results. During the afternoon infantry and tanks were observed via 175378, 172396 and 180418, and were taken under arty fire. A patrol of the 222nd Inf received heavy small arms fire in CLEEBURG at 1430 hrs. The 813th TD Bn knocked out one enemy halftrack and 10 to 15 infantry via 149421. Three enemy tanks were knocked out and two disabled by the 827th TD Bn, bazooka and arty fire. The Germans were observed digging in around CLEEBURG at dusk. A patrol of the 242nd Inf ran into automatic fire at 211302. 2 ME 262 planes were over the Div sector at 1350 hrs and strafing was reported in RITENSHOFFEN (1539).

(2) Bridgehead Area: The enemy continued to resist strongly in the bridgehead area. The 314th Inf met heavy small arms and arty fire in attempting to establish a bridgehead south of the river in MUESENHILL. Our troops made some progress via 149172 and repulsed enemy attempts to cross the river from 138170 to 140168. Infantry elements of OC B, 12th Arm Div advanced to within one kilometer north of MUESENHILL. The 79th Recon Troop reported 12 enemy seen entering pillbox at FT LOUIS (2322) at 1130 hrs, and cleared KIEFERHILL (2327) in the afternoon. Although some SP guns were reported west of the MUESENHILL no tanks were reported. Air Ops reported considerable movement back and forth on the RHINE RIVER.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- Pns evacuated through PM: 57
- Pns evacuated through medical channels: 6
- Total Pns to date: 21,501
- 3 enemy tanks destroyed during period with 2 probables. Total tanks destroyed to date: 97.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW enclosure, Inf Regts, BACHENAU and civilian road patrols.
- During the past 2 days four enemy agents have been apprehended by units and the CIC. Two were women (one a Russian and the other a Luxembourger) and two were men (French). All were low grade agents. Units are reminded that no one must be allowed to pass through our lines into enemy territory and all coming from enemy territory into our lines must be evacuated through PW channels.
- 45th Div Sector: No change in enemy dispositions or attitude. Ground reports give no evidence of build-up or unusual activity in BACHENAU-PHILLIPSBURG - BACHENAU area.

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heavy arty and MG fire. Pns state entire 2nd Bn, 125th Pz Gr is in area STUNDILLER-ASCHBACH. Bn strength estimated at 325 men.

7th Co, 192nd Pz Gr Regt was reorganized in LAMDEL in the middle of December then moved to vic BITCHE, stayed there two days and moved to INGOLZHEIM through WISSENBACH. Co attacked this morning from ASCHBACH with the 5th Co, to take OBERROMMERN from the north with an approx strength of 55 men. Pns state both Co's suffered very heavy losses and have a present company strength of 15 men. Pns place Bn strength at approx 250 men, who were to withdraw to vic of ASCHBACH. The 8th Co, with 2-80mm mortars and 7 LMGs was divided and supported the attack of the 5th and 7th Co's.

3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt arrived from LAMDEL at INGOLZHEIM approx 3 days ago. Pn states that he was part of a 5 man patrol that was sent out evening of 7 Jan to determine enemy strength and disposition in vic of STUNDILLER, WISSENBACH and OBERROMMERN. Result of patrol, 1 dead, one captured and 3 wounded. Pn started out from company position on reverse slope of hill at 174373. Pns state that the entire company including the CP is located there, and it is very cold. Stated that fires were built there last night to keep warm. Pn estimates company strength at approx 85 men armed with 9 LMGs and rifles. Pn states that the Co received 30 replacements from the 104th Pz Gr Regt Tng Bn on 20 Dec, who were mostly young men with very little training. Some of the replacements received their tng in Reichs Arbeitsdienst (Labor Service).

Pns of Division Braubenberg were native Frenchman and spoke no German and were interrogated by 79th Div MIL team. Both Pns wore SS uniforms and had a mission of patrolling the area between BALTZ and HOGGENAU.

4. Supplies

Food and ammo supply of 21st Pz Div excellent. Pns claimed that they received two hot meals per day. Pns claim they were issued new winter clothing approx 1 week ago, and it consisted of a heavy wool coverall, 4 pairs of heavy socks, heavy gloves and hoods. Pns state that a field kitchen has been set up in ASCHBACH. Pns of Pn Koppi state that only one meal has been supplied them from across the RHINE since they made the crossing and no ammo has yet followed. Pn in GAMBHEIL area stated that food and ammo comes over the river every night.

5. Morale

Morale of the 21st Pz Div generally good, but morale considerably lowered in units billeted in STUNDILLER, by American arty concentrations. 21st Pz has recently given security lectures and all solobuchs were taken away and replaced by mimeographed forms giving name, rank, serial number, home address and nearest relative. Pns all somewhat reluctant to talk.

6. Personalities

	Units	File
1st Lt MALICH	CO 1st Btry, 155 Arty Regt	25394 B
Major BUCHENHAGEN	Bn CO	
1st Lt PESCHKE	CO 3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt	34132 D
Lt SCHUSTER	CO 1st Co, Bn Cherrheim	64465 B
Lt Furowski (Capt)	CO 5th Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt	37509 B
Lt Volkmann	CO, 7th Co, 192nd Pz Gr	58899 D
Capt ROESTER	Bn CO	
Maj Gen FUCHTINGER	CO 21st Pz Div	

7. Miscellaneous

1st Btry 155th Arty was last known to be in vic BITCHE. Pn left his unit there and went with 7th Co 192 Pz Gr as an observer and to acquaint himself with the terrain and disposition of the enemy. Pn states that the entire Regt is rumored to be in area. Pn states that Arty Regt has rec'd weapons repl in the past 3 weeks and now has 3 Bns, 2 of which are light and one medium. The 1st and 2nd Bns have 3 btrys of 150mm how of 4 guns each. Pn states that engineers were still working on BLOMBERG bridge and Cln was held up 2 hrs.

SPECIAL REPORT, GERMAN SHORT RANGE AGENTS

1. Two individuals in German SS uniform and carrying Goldblucher surrendered to friendly troops in vic of WESSENHOGG (2225) on 2 Jan 45. These two men were of French nationality, one of them belonged to a French Nazi party (RPF) up to July 43, the other man, probably a former Gestapo agent in Chantilly withdrew to GERMANY with the German Army during the summer of 1944.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 082200 Jan 45  
TO : 092200 Jan 45  
By: 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
092400 January 1945

No. 183

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern front enemy holds GLAUBENBURG (1144), INGOLSHEIM (1441), BISCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUEL (2035) and was being driven out of HATTEN (1733). In bridgehead area enemy occupies southern half of DIBSENHEIM (1517), southern half of HERRLISHEIM (1214), OFFENMORF (1312) GANESHEIM (1110) and BATTENDORF (1009).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gren Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF BARE): Some flare activity was observed during the night and arty, including one phosphorous shell, fell vic 158355 at 2330 hrs. A small probing attack against the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf and 242nd Inf was repulsed before dawn, but the enemy attacked vic HATTEN with two battalions of infantry and 7 tanks shortly after. The Germans succeeded in capturing 2 pillboxes and some reached the outskirts of the town before being repulsed with severe infantry casualties and losing two tanks to arty fire. Mortar and direct weapon fire fell in the 313th Inf sector between 0600 and 0700 hrs. The enemy started to withdraw at 0740 hrs when it was apparent that the assault by the 1st Bn, 35 Pz Gr Regt and 2nd Bn, 117 Pz Gren Regt had failed. The 79th Recon Troop reported MG fire vic LAUTENHEIM (2127) at 1100 hrs. Enemy smoke shells fell vic 167407 at 1130 hrs. Two trucks and one tank, attempting to move from BUEL to STUNDWILLER, were taken under arty fire and decided to forego the journey. The 25th Pz Gren Div attacked HATTEN again from the east, after an arty preparation, at 1300 hrs using 20 tanks of its organic tank bn as the striking force. HATTEN was encircled by enemy armor and some tanks reached a point south of HATTENSHOFFEN (1533) when our counterattacking force hit and caused the Germans to withdraw after knocking out 11 to 14 tanks. These tanks were KO'd by the 48th Tk Bn, the 827th TD Bn, 813th TD Bn and arty fire. By the end of the period over half of the town of HATTEN had been retaken by our troops in spite of stiff opposition. At 2000 hrs considerable tracked vehicle movement was heard between GLAUBENBURG and INGOLSHEIM, STUNDWILLER to BUEL and 188326 to BICHSELGUTEN.

(2) Bridgehead area: HAGBENAU and BISCHWILLER received some 280mm fire during the night and engineers of the 40th Engr Regt were hampered by small arms, mortar and arty fire in bridging operations vic 130168. Armored infantry of CC B, 12th Arm Div overcame considerable resistance and took many prisoners in advancing to capture part of HERRLISHEIM. The 314th Inf received a heavy barrage of arty, mortar and small arms fire in DIBSENHEIM at 0800 hrs and continued to be harassed during the remainder of the period. The enemy, using infantry and tanks, conducted aggressive action against 3rd Bn, 314th Inf at 1800 hrs. The 79th Recon Troop reported a 4 man enemy patrol at 103136 during the morning. The bridges at 089130 and 09361340 were reported destroyed. Of 10 tanks in the area one was destroyed with two probables, claimed by CC B and arty.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- Pz evacuated through FH: 105
- Pz evacuated through medical channels: 17
- Total Pz to date: 21,623
- 14 enemy tanks destroyed during period, with 4 probables. Total tanks destroyed to date: 111. 2 OAR cars, one full tracked vehicle, 2 half tracks and 1 staff car were also destroyed today.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGBENAU and civilian road patrols.
- 45th Div Sector: Enemy remains in close contact NW and N of LAUTENHEIM (2127) where no defenses from dug in positions, supported by arty, mortar and SP fire. The 36th VG Div was identified vic PHILIPSBURG.

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along the road were unoccupied, and, according to Pn, were mowed down as soon as they got out into open terrain. Pn states that the company was reorganized on or about 25 Dec, bringing the company strength up to 80 men, divided into 3 platoons. Pn states that the 3rd Platoon is a heavy platoon having 4 M4 and 4-50mm mortars. Pn states that the 8th Co is a heavy company with 3 platoons, the 1st platoon being a M4 platoon having 6-20mm guns used for ground targets, the 2nd platoon having 4-120mm mortars.

Hq Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt sent one Squad of 8 men with the 3rd Co, 35th Pz Gr Regt to reinforce attack on HATTEN from the east. Entire squad was completely destroyed. One Pn captured at 190337.

1st Co, 192nd Pz Gr Regt, 21st Pz Div was reorganized 20 Dec in vic of Pn. The entire 1st Co arrived in HATTEN 2 days ago. 1st Co occupied town of HATTEN and remainder of Co went into positions east and west of the town. Pn estimates that the Co strength is approx 300 men. Pn captured was part of a 4 man patrol who left HATTEN last night to reconnoiter area in and around HATTEN. Non-com in charge of patrol sent one man out and stayed behind and gave order to the one man sent out ahead to do the task assigned the whole patrol. Man sent out ahead deserted. 1st Co has a strength of approximately 55 men and 4 LCo.

3d Co, 35th Pz Gr Regt came with the entire 1st Bn from vic HATTEN and arrived in HATTEN on 7 Jan and then moved to HATTEN. Pn states that the 3rd Bn was dissolved and incorporated into the 1st Bn, and that the 3rd Bn is now being reorganized in HATTEN. 1st Bn, 35th Pz Gr Regt was on northern flank of attacking force on HATTEN and suffered heavy losses according to Pn statements. Pn estimates that the company had a strength of 81 men before the attack and only 13 men withdrew to the forest after the attack was over. 3rd Co started the attack with 75 men and had 15-20 men left when they withdrew to the east of HATTEN. Pn states that the 6th, and 7th Cos, 119th Pz Gr Regt were on the south flank of the attack. Pn states that out of the entire Co attack only approx 85-100 men were able to withdraw under their own power.

6th Co, 192nd Inf was a participant in the attack against the 313th Inf yesterday. Pn states that the entire Co attacked with the result that the 7th Co was completely destroyed and the 6th Co pulled back with only 1 man. Pn was pinned down by MG fire for ten hours, lying amongst 20 German dead. Attack was to be supported by 5 tanks but failed because infantry was unable to take original initial objective. One Company, the 2nd Co, 230th Pz Gr Regt Bn, 21st Pz Div, was to be employed to sweep a 15 yard lane for the 5 tanks to break through our minefields. But entire attack failed because of heavy arty and small arms fire. Pn of the Engr Bn states that the Bn brought approx 200 T minus with them from LAMM to be used if the Division was forced into a defensive position. 5 tanks that were to support attack although an OROKOBALCO.

The 9th and 11th Cos of the 2nd SS Police Regt were virtually destroyed in their attack on the south part of HATTEN. Objective of the attack was to take the paper factory in HATTEN. The 2nd SS Police Regt was organized approx 2 months ago in vic of HATTEN from air raid wardens, Civil Service employees and Air raid First Aid men. Pn states that it was called an SS Police unit because the personnel all stood a little more in favor of the Government than the general populace. Personnel are all over 40 years of age. Training, according to Pn, consisted of close order drill, with a little weapons training thrown into the bag in the last two weeks. The Bn had an original strength of approx 350 men and crossed the Rhine River night of 5-6 Jan at 272147 on a ferry with a capacity of 40 men and a horse drawn cart. The 11th Co took up positions along river line from 15951545 to 16031700. The 9th Co was on their right flank following the river to 16501780. Pn claims that another unidentified SS Police unit was on the right flank of the 11th Co. Each Co was equipped with 3-50mm mortars and the 12th Co was equipped with 4-80mm mortars. Pn states that the Hq and staff of an organization TROT crossed the River with them.

Pn of the 1st Bn, 119th Inf, 553rd VG Div states that the 1st Bn was reorganized vic of HATTEN about 30 Dec. Pn states that the remnants of the entire Div were thrown into the 1st Bn, 119th to bring it up to a strength of 300 men. The Bn crossed the Rhine the night of 7-8 Jan and took up a position in HATTEN. The Bn stayed there overnight and moved into position at HATTEN at 130168. Pn states that the entire Bn suffered heavy losses in today's American attack, and feel that the Bn was scattered.

4. Locals  
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5. Supply

Good. Both food and ammo supplies are entirely adequate both at the GAB

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 HQ 79th Inf Div  
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern front: CLEEBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1141), SCHBACH (1837), STUNMILLER (1836), BURL (2035), 195320 and 222305. In the Bridgehead Area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern half of DRUSENHEIM (1517), southern part of HERLISHHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312) and GAMBHEIM (1110).  
 b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div, 25th Pz Gr Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF HATTEN): All units received some arty fire during the night and the enemy continued to resist in HATTEN. 222nd Inf patrols reported enemy activity in CLEEBURG and vic 160403. Another patrol from the same regiment killed four and captured one German of a five man outpost. During the day, our forces made progress by street fighting in HATTEN in spite of stiff resistance from infantry and tanks. One enemy tank was reported knocked out by bazooka and another destroyed by the 48th Tk Bn. Enemy arty fire was constant during the day and nebelwerfer fire from a battery near TRIMBACH (2037) was reported in the 242nd Inf sector. Tanks and infantry were reported heard vic 207307 at 0730 hrs. During the morning a few vehicles and some infantry were seen approaching HATTEN from the woods to the East. At 1020 hrs approx 25 infantry were dug in at 187323 and at 1115 hrs another group was observed at 180346. Some enemy attempted to infiltrate to the positions of the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, around noon, but were stopped by mortar fire. During the afternoon enemy mortar fire was received vic 108437 and an enemy MG was destroyed by a direct arty hit at 112443. Enemy air was active during the afternoon with ME 262's predominating and bombing and strafing was reported in the SUREBURG-SULTZ-RITTERSHOFFEN-NIEDERREISCHDORF area. Enemy infantry was reported as withdrawing from HATTEN to the woods east of there at 1720 hrs, however, at least 5 enemy tanks were observed in vic of 169338 around 1725 hrs. Fighting in HATTEN had ceased by dusk, however, one tank was reported in front of the church, in the town, and one was reported at 174339 towards the end of the period. The enemy was still holding the extreme NE tip of HATTEN.

(2) Bridgehead Area: The 56th Armd Inf in met bitter opposition in HERLISHHEIM during the night and was reported surrounded at 0330 hrs. Our tank support arrived early this morning and the attack was resumed on the town. Enemy reinforcements arrived from OFFENDORF and the fighting continued all day with our troops making progress in street fighting against heavy small arms, mortar and arty fire. CC B, 12th Armd Div reported two enemy tanks destroyed in their sector today. The 3rd Bn, 314th Inf repulsed an enemy attack at 0130 hrs made by infantry and SP guns. Two 88mm guns were located at 133157 and one destroyed by arty fire. Enemy infantry, vic 147155, were taken under arty fire at 1145 hrs. Enemy tanks continued to operate in the bridgehead area and an air OP reported 5 in vic 124135 and 7 at 131152 at 1425 hrs. The 79th Acn Troop captured a 5 man patrol vic ROPPENHEIM in the afternoon and reported the town clear. BISCHMILLER was shelled by arty at 1715 hrs. Towards the end of the period fighting was still taking place in HERLISHHEIM, where our troops were receiving heavy small arms, arty and mortar fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Pws evacuated through PM: 112  
 b. Pws evacuated through medical channels: 12  
 c. Total Pws to date: 21,747  
 d. 4 enemy tanks reported destroyed during period. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 115.  
 e. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, M. Enclosure, Inf Regts, H. GURBAU and civilian road patrols.



II. ANNEX (Cont'd)

The Bn assembled near OR in vic of 221319 before the attack. The 2nd Co started the attack with 9 Panthers, all of which were knocked out. Another Co lost approx 3 tanks with 2 badly damaged. PW states that all tanks and assault guns used the bridge in NEIBERRODERN.

The 1st Bn, 35th Pz Gr Regt attacked HATTEN and the pillboxes S of the town, and suffered heavy losses. PW estimates of Bn strength vary from 110 to 225 men. The attack was made in conjunction with the 2nd Bn, 119th PG Regt. After first attack failed troops withdrew to forest and there they reassembled. A new attack was launched supported by remnants of the 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr, 21st Pz Div, which was held in reserve east of HATTEN in the forest after suffering heavy losses in STUNDILLER, ASCHBACH area. The second attack was made with the remnants of the three Bns and had as an objective the high ground east of RITTERSHOFFEN. PWs state that American counterattack drove them back to the forest and destroyed 17 German tanks and assault guns.

The 192nd Pz Gr Regt participated in the second attack on HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN yesterday. PWs state that the 7th Co, 119 Pz Gr Regt was virtually destroyed two days ago in STUNDILLER and the remnants of the Co were incorporated into the 6th Co. 6th Co now has a strength of 65 men including remnants of the 7th Co. One PW states that the 5th Co was completely destroyed in STUNDILLER. PW estimates Bn strength to be 170 men who, according to PW, have been withdrawn to GROTHILLER (217310) where the Bn CP is now located. PW states that wounded could not be evacuated because of heavy fire from American arty and they volunteered to bring them into the American lines.

The 1st Bn, 1119th VG Regt, 553rd VG Div was reorganized the end of Dec, and also is called Bn Kappes. PWs estimated that the original strength was approx 300 men. The entire 1119th Regt remnants, plus some personnel drawn from the 1120th and 1121st Regts were thrown into the 1st Bn, 1119th Regt. The Bn crossed the RHINE the night of 5-6 Jan at 172147 by ferry and rubber assault boats. Bn strength estimated by PWs after fighting in HERRLISHEIM was approx 165 men. The 1st Bn was supported by the 1st Co, 305th AT Bn and 2 of the 2nd Co, 405th AT Bn. Position in HERRLISHEIM became precarious at approx 1100 hrs on 7 Jan, and they called for help. Bn Wimmer was sent to the town as reinforcements.

Bn Wimmer consists of two companies of approx 80 men each, and was formed from remnants of the 1120th VG Regt in BUSENBACH on 30 Dec. They came across the RHINE the night of 6-7 Jan at 150111 on a ferry holding approx 45 men. Co was billeted in OFFENDORF and was in town with one company of the 2nd SS Police Regt, probably the 10th Co. Bn Wimmer was called upon by the 1st Bn, 1119th Inf to help hold the town of HERRLISHEIM, at noon 7 Jan. PW states that the Bn was reduced to approx 100 men after a heavy artillery barrage on the town, and were to be relieved by a SS police unit, which never came. Only a few scattered personnel of the SS Police unit ever arrived in HERRLISHEIM. PWs state that there is one company of Waffen SS securing the road HERRLISHEIM-DRUSENHEIM. None of PWs have ever seen Waffen SS in bridgehead area, but have heard rumors of one company being in vicinity. Bn Wimmer was supported by 4 tanks.

The 405th AT Bn consists of 2 companies. The 1st Co has a present strength of 75 men and the second company is half on this side of the Rhine and half on the east side, in the vicinity of FREISTETT. One platoon of the 2nd Co and three 37mm AT Guns were situated east of HERRLISHEIM. PW states that the platoon withdrew to the east, abandoning their AT guns. The 1st Co has an approximate remaining strength of 70-80 men with three 75mm AT guns which were in position at the north approach to HERRLISHEIM. PWs state that 75mm AT guns were abandoned in HERRLISHEIM and company withdrew in direction of OFFENDORF. One PW states that there were 12-15 tanks in HERRLISHEIM which were to attack north along the HERRLISHEIM-DRUSENHEIM Road, but could never get started because of heavy artillery fire. PW states that every time the tanks went out of the town along the road they were greeted by terrific artillery barrages.

PW of the 9th Co, 2nd SS Police Regt, states that his company is completely destroyed and he was at the present time attached to 1st Bn, 1119th Inf at HERRLISHEIM. PW stated that the Bn suffered heavy casualties in their attack on DRUSENHEIM; that approximately 100 were captured; and that the Bn was to be dissolved and sent to other units in the bridgehead area as replacements.

PWs of Co Starke were out on patrol from BEINHEIM. Entire patrol of 6 men captured by 79th Rgn Troop at 240224, vicinity of mill. PWs were poorest troops encountered by 79th Div in many a day. The patrol leader had a club foot and members of his patrol were all fat and forty. PW states that approximately 20 men of his company were in BEINHEIM and were a bit nervous as to our intentions in this area. The platoon leader suspected an American attack. Patrol mission was to find enemy and report on strength and disposition. Entire patrol



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 102200 Jan 45  
TO : 112200 Jan 45  
By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
112400 January 1945

No. 165

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GIESBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHEN-GR (1837), STONWILLER (1836), BURL (2035), eastern part of HATTEN (1833), eastern part of RITTENSHOFFEN (1533) and 222905. In the Bridgehead area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern part of DRUSHEIM (1517), HERSELBREIM (1214), OFFENDOFF (1312) and GARSHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd Vd Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF 44th): Forward elements received sporadic arty fire most of the night and vehicular traffic was heard until 0400 hrs via HATTEN and INGOLSHHEIM. A strong enemy patrol was contacted via 185365. A patrol of the 222nd Inf contacted a 5 man infantry patrol S of INGOLSHHEIM and killed all of the Germans and continued to knock out a MG in the same vicinity. The 2nd Bn, 315th Inf received heavy enemy pressure in HATTEN shortly after dawn and tanks in the northern part of the town, aided by a heavy ground haze, covered the advance of enemy infantry to RITTENSHOFFEN. Four of these tanks were knocked out by the 57th TD Bn in addition to one scout car and one armored car. The enemy infantry was contained to the northeast tip of RITTENSHOFFEN until tank support arrived, after which the Germans made some progress in house to house fighting and held a little more than half of the town by the end of the period. At this time an estimated 12 tanks and 2 bus of infantry were operating in the town. Two enemy tanks were claimed destroyed in this fighting. Heavy arty, mortar and small arms fire was heavy in both towns. During the morning, German infantry was reported digging in from 159342 to 172344. Enemy activity, including some vehicular movement was observed in GIESBOURG and a MP located at 162412. Considerable vehicular movement was heard between RITTENSHOFFEN and INGOLSHHEIM during the afternoon. The enemy became somewhat aggressive in HATTEN at 2140 hrs and was reported using phosphorous grenades against our positions. Patrols of the 242nd Inf were unable to advance beyond the HATTEN - RITTENSHOFFEN road because of entrenched enemy. German tanks and inf attacked in HATTEN at 2200 hrs.

(2) Bridgehead Area: The 314th Inf received sporadic concentrations of arty in its sector during the day, after a quiet night. The 74th Recon Troop reported AUSENHEIM, HONTENHEIM, STATHATTEN and ROESCHROG clear after killing 3 and wounding 3 members of a 5 man German patrol in the last town. A road block of wagons and felled trees was located at 231266. Of an estimated platoon which defended this block, 6 were killed before the Troop withdrew. A patrol of the 232nd Inf reported the town of KAUFFENHEIM (212d) clear during the afternoon. Patrols of CO B, 13th Arm Div located enemy dug in from 159331 to 111246 with one MG every 150 yds and heard vehicles in HERSHEIM, but drew no fire after approaching within 300 yds of the town. BISCHEIM received sporadic arty fire after 1900 hrs. A patrol from the 2nd Bn, 232nd Inf reported a road block, defended by 5 enemy, at 0710.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. PWs evacuated through PM: 13  
b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 3  
c. Total PWs to date: 21,763.  
d. 6 enemy tanks destroyed during the period. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 121. In addition one scout car, one armored car, and one 2 1/2 ton truck were destroyed.

e. Location of CIC personnel: Div GP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU and civilian road patrols.

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type of enemy activity and troops in Leutenheim. Patrol received fire from MG set up vis of church in Leutenheim, 2 men were killed and one wounded, and one man was captured. Results of the patrol were to be reported to the Company Commander in CP dugout at 225328. The 1st Co, 125th Pz Rcn is in position from 240332 to 250332. PW states that German officers are slightly suspicious of an attack by us coming along the Rhine River east of the Forest of Haguenau, and then running into the flank of the German forces in the vicinity of Hatten. Heavy platoon of the 2nd Co, 125th Pz Rcn, with one flame mortar and 2 HMGs, is in position west of road at 226352. The entire Bn consists of 2 companies plus a supply platoon and a signal platoon. Battalion's mission is apparently to screen flank of German forces retreating Hatten.

2 Pz evacuated through medical channels belonged to TF Hoesner. This TF is an Inf Bn commanded by Major Hoesner. Only two platoons of this unit were sent across the river with the mission of reconnoitering in vic of Koeschwoog and determining disposition of American troops. The rest of the TF is still manning bunkers on the east side of the Rhine.

1 wounded PW taken via Hatten belonged to the 21st Pz Rcn which is a part of the 107 Pz Brigade. A diary found with him indicates that this Pz Brigade is now a part of the 25th Pz Gren Div.

4. Morale  
Fair

5. Supply

Supply excellent. PW states that troops in Hatten were supplied with hot food last night at 1800 hrs. Ammo supply is good and comes from vicinity of Wissembourg.

6. Personalities

	Unit	Rank
1st Lt. Leowen	CO, Battle Group Leowen	Major
1st Lt. Steinler	CO, 3rd Co, 220th Reg Pz	Major
Capt Kuntz	Bn CO,	Major
Capt Dickenheim	CO, 2nd Co, 125th Pz Rcn Bn	Major

7. Enemy Installations

Motor park of 125th Pz Rcn Bn containing 50-100 Volkswagen in area bounded by following coordinates: 22953245-22953255 - 23753315 - 23753310.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLES

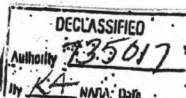
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1. This table is based upon SAVERNE and all times mentioned are "A" time.
2. Daylight is approximate hour before sunrise, darkness one hour after sunset.
3. CORRECTION TABLE:  

(1) EPIFANI	- Plus 3 minutes	(5) MHLHOUSE	- Minus 3 minutes
(2) VESOU	- Plus 3 minutes	(6) KARLSRUHE	- Minus 4 minutes
(3) SAARENWICHEL	- Plus 3 minutes	(7) STUTTGART	- Minus 7 minutes
(4) HAGUENAU	- Minus 1 minute		

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
January 12	0619	1700	0637	1523	New Moon
13	0619	1701	0739	1616	
14	0618	1703	***	***	
15	0617	1704	0919	1837	
16	0617	1706	0957	1951	First Quarter
17	0616	1707	1028	2113	
18	0615	1709	1056	2232	
19	0614	1710	1122	2347	
20	0613	1712	1146		
21	0612	1713	1211	0106	
22	0611	1715	1234	0222	
23	0610	1716	1312	0337	
24	0609	1718	1350	0449	

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 112200 Jan 45  
TO : 122200 Jan 45  
HQ 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
122400 January 1945

No. 186

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GLEIBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHENBACH (1857), STUNTSILLER (1836), BOHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533, eastern part of HATTEN (1533) and 222305. In the bridgehead area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLISHEIM (1214), LLOL40, 100130 and GAKESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 937th Inf Regt; 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Enemy tanks and infantry attacked in HATTEN at the beginning of the period and in an all night fight forced the 2nd Bn, 315th Inf to the southwestern part of town where the Germans were held from further gains. Enemy arty fire harassed the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf sector, OBERBETSCHDORF and NIEDERBETSCHDORF between 0400 and 0600 hrs. Patrols of the 222nd Inf reported hearing heavy motors and tracked vehicles throughout the night between STEINSELTZ - RIESELTZ - INGOLSHHEIM. The enemy reacted strongly to the attack of the 14th Armd Div with arty, mortar and small arms fire. Determined resistance was met in RITTERSHOFFEN where house to house fighting continued with the Germans employing arty, mortar, tank and heavy small arms fire. An estimated 10 tanks were operating in the town during the day. The cemetery at 161337 proved to be an enemy strongpoint and a Mk VI tank near the church in the town was particularly troublesome, although 6 bazooka hits have been scored on it in the past two days. During the morning one enemy tank was reported at 157344, one at 152325, one moving from HATTEN to RITTERSHOFFEN and two tanks with infantry moving NW vicinity 172344. In the afternoon two tanks were located at 165330, two at 162343, one at 161335, and one at 160340. Three enemy vehicles were reported at 168353 at 1500 hrs. In HATTEN the 827th TD Bn knocked out 1 Mk IV tank and one scout car and a bazooka team of Co. F, 315th Inf knocked out another scout car as the enemy maintained pressure during the day. Enemy arty fire interdicted the RITTERSHOFFEN - KUHLENDORF (1335) and RITTERSHOFFEN - NIEDERBETSCHDORF roads. The 312th PA Bn destroyed one Mk VI tank in the RITTERSHOFFEN area when it scored a direct hit with a white phosphorous shell and another hit with HE. A patrol of the 222nd Inf contacted a MG outpost vicinity 107402, killing one and capturing one enemy.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Patrols of the 242nd Inf reported 2 Volkswagens and one half track in the woods vicinity EICHELCARTEN (2230) at 0030 hrs. A 30 man enemy patrol was driven off vic 114155 around 0315 hrs. Arty fire was light during the night and one mortar concentration fell in 2nd Bn, 314th Inf sector. The 79th Rec Troop found ROESCHWOGG (2125), LEUTENHEIM (2027), STATTMATTEN (1921) and DENGOLSHHEIM (1821) clear during the morning, two pillboxes on the DENGOLSHHEIM - DALHUNDEN (1819) road were found unoccupied, but bridge at 186202 was mined and defended. Two men of a five man enemy patrol were killed by the Troop vic 200241 at 1345 hrs. Four Germans were captured and one killed by 3rd Bn, 314th Inf near the BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM at 1400 hrs. Patrols of CC B, 12th Armd Div, reported enemy still entrenched on the east bank of the canal SW of HERRLISHEIM and reported activity vic 122152 at 1600 hrs. DRUSENHEIM was harassed during the afternoon by arty and direct fire weapons and ROHEWILLER received one concentration of mortar fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PM: 9
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 21,773

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IPW ANNEX (Cont'd)

is probable. The 2nd Bn, 119th Pz Gr was previously committed in the first attack on Hatten and according to PWs was badly mauled. PW states that the Regt'l CO, Major Hase, personally led the attack from one of the half tracks, and he believes that he was badly wounded. He also believes that the entire 119th Regt participated in the attack yesterday, in conjunction with the 2nd Bn, 125th PG Regt. PW states that 2 of the 3 half tracks participating in the attack were disabled by our fire.

PWs of the 1st Co, 937th Inf were part of a five man patrol sent out from CLEEBURG. 3 men of the patrol were captured and 2 wounded. Mission of the patrol was to determine whether or not CLIMBACH (0546) was held by the enemy and to establish contact with friendly troops in the area if there were any. PW states that the 1st and 2nd Co's arrived via of CLEEBURG 3 days ago and that it is likely that the 3rd and 4th Co's are here since the Bn CP is in OBERHOEFEN. PW states that the 1st and 2nd Cos are on line south of CLEEBURG and had previously been in position in SLEHRAED LINE between WISSEMBOURG and BERG ZABERN. PW believes that the 1st Co is in position just south of CLEEBURG with the 3rd Co on the left flank and the 2nd Co on the right flank. PW states that the 1st Co has an approx strength of 80-90 men and that the Bn strength is approx 350 men.

PW of the 1st Bn Hq, 937th Inf went out with the Bn CO, 1st Lt Grulich, and the Bn S-4, Lt Arndt to look at Forestry House as a possible site for their Bn CP. PW states that they were surprised by an American patrol and the Bn CO was shot and killed trying to escape capture, later when the patrol was marching the 2 PWs in, PW states that the S-4 tried to escape also, and he too, was shot and killed. The 1st Bn Hq consists of approx 30 men who are divided into a Message Center and a Communications Section. PW estimates Bn strength at 300-400 men. All of the PWs of 937th Inf were carefully interrogated and none noticed any build-up for attack or had heard any rumors of an attack to be launched in their particular sector. PWs state that the Regt is also known as Regt Hase, after the CO, Lt Col Hase, who at the present time is on leave.

4. Morale

Good. Good food and limited tactical success is, according to PWs, a deciding factor in the general uplift of the morale of the German troops.

5. Supply

Ammo supply good. Riflemen carried on an average 60 rounds apiece, and even the 50 cal M1s were supplied with approx 1000 rds of ammo per 3 guns. Food supply is good. PWs state that food for the 937th Regt is prepared in Fleisweiler (19685737) and transported to Bn CP at Oberhofen via Berg Zabern and Wissembourg.

6. Enemy Installations

CP 245th Inf Div in Berg Zabern (?)

Trains and kitchen of 1st Bn, 937th Regt in Fleisweiler at 19685737.

CP 1st Co, 937th Inf at 11584461.

CP 1st Bn, 937th Inf at 12364642.

CP 937th Inf Regt in Finanzamt Bldg, Wissembourg at 15684853.

7. Personalities

	Unit	FPN
Lt TIEM (THIERA)	CO, 1st Co, 937th Inf	15157C
Lt GRULICH (Killed)	CO, 1st Bn, " "	15157A
Lt Arndt (Killed)	Bn S-4	
Lt Col HASE	CO, 937 Regt	
Brig Gen SANDER	CG, 245th Div	

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SIGNIFICANT ORDER OF BATTLE FACTS IN THE WEST, -- WEEK 1 -- 8 JANUARY 1945

1. WESTERN FRONT

a. General

By the end of the week a marked change of overall enemy attitude (defensive) in his salient emphasized the following significant Order of Battle facts.

(1) No new divisions were committed in the penetration area and only one new division appeared on the entire Western front (in Seventh US Army Zone)

(2) The continued absence from the battle line of 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs, possibly the enemy's only mobile reserve in the area West of the RHINE.

(3) An increasingly overall defensive attitude in the salient, supported by local offensive action that presages a probable withdrawal of major Panzer units.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 122200 Jan 45  
TO : 132200 Jan 45  
Mq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
132400 January 1945

No. 187

WAFB: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GLEIBOURG (1144), INGOLSHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305. In the bridgehead area: FT. LOUIS (2322), southern part of DROSENHEIM (1517), HERRLISHEIM (1214), 110140, 100130 and GAMESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gren Div; 1st En, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAML): At beginning of period 5 enemy tanks were reported approaching HATTEN from the E. and were taken under arty fire. The road from 187325 to 221305 was reported heavily patrolled by the enemy and continuous traffic was heard on the BUHL - HATTEN road until 0200 hrs. Patrols of the 3rd En, 313th Inf, reported the bridge at 180349 being repaired and protected by one tank and estimated 35 infantry. This bridge was taken under arty fire during the morning and arty scored two direct hits on it around noon. 30 rounds of estimated 105mm arty fire believed coming from INGOLSHEIM landed in 222nd Inf sector within 10 minutes at 2040 hrs. The 14th Armd Div attacked this morning and some progress was made in RITTERSHOFFEN and our tanks reached the 2nd En, 315th Inf which had been cut off for two days but was still holding part of HATTEN. Arty, mortar, small arms and tank fire was intense in both towns and enemy strongpoints are based in the town church areas. Two tanks were reported destroyed and two captured in RITTERSHOFFEN by the 14th Armd Div. A pillbox vic 187337 was observed to have considerable activity and is probably a headquarters. Shortly after dark 20 vehicles were reported moving into HATTEN from the E. and heavy traffic was heard between ASCHBACH and STUNDWILLER. Enemy air was again active with 3 FW 190's reported at 1220 hrs, 4 ME 262's over at 1220 hrs, 2 ME 262's seen at 1315 hrs and 2 ME 262's at 1605. The ME 262's bombed and strafed vic 120232, SCHNABWILLER and OBERRETSCHDORF. At 2145 enemy troops in RITTERSHOFFEN were reported launching a local counterattack.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Arty fire was sporadic during the night but an outpost of the 2nd En, 314th Inf was temporarily withdrawn due to pressure of an enemy combat patrol which attacked with grenades and MGs. Inf and vehicular movement was reported vic 149172. The enemy manning positions on E. bank of canal SW. of HERRLISHEIM were taken under arty fire during the day and our troops in the area received some long range small arms fire. An arty air OP reported a boat in the RHINE RIVER moving W. at 154118 at 1100 hrs. Some arty and mortar fire was received at 209244 at 1440 hrs. DINGOLSHEIM (1821) and ROESCHENWOG (2225) were reported clear during the afternoon by patrols. A 7 man enemy patrol was observed moving N. from KAUFENHEIM (2128) at 1420 hrs. Enemy patrols were observed in front of the 314th Inf sector but they did not cross the MODER RIVER. Arty fire increased somewhat in this sector during the day.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- PWs evacuated through PMs: 11
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 3
- Total PWs to date: 21,787
- No tanks or vehicles reported destroyed by the Div during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf regt's, HAGUEMAU.
- 45th Div Sector: SS troops are offering tenacious opposition in vic LE FURLENKOPF (Q7838). There is heavy enemy artillery fire in this area.

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IPW ANNEX (CONT'D):

PW of 4th Co, 2nd Ron Sq, 7 Div was last with his unit at GNDAM on 2 Sept, received a furlough and deserted. PW of 4th Co, SS Inf Guard Bn was last with his unit on 3 Sept in via JALLITH, near BERLIN. PW of 1st Pursuit Sq West, 2nd Staff, was last stationed at an airport basing 12 PW-190 pursuit planes at STALU-GRAD in POMERANIA on 11 Sept. He received a furlough and deserted.

4. Morale: Good.

5. Supply: Good. Ammo and food supplies regular and adequate according to all PWs interrogated.

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IF YOU LIVE, WHAT YOU MUST EXPECT AT THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMY IN THIS "GENTLEMAN'S WAR"

(The following are the experiences of Pfc DONALD SNYDER, 35607477, Co "H", 517 Parach Regt who was captured on 27 Dec by seven Germans dressed in complete G. I. uniforms.)

On 27 Dec, one day after Companies "G" and "H" of 517 Parachute Regiment had taken MANHAY, Pfc Snyder returning from an aid station in VAUX CHAVAN was approached by what he believed to be an American patrol coming from the SE. Nothing in their dress or weapons would have aroused the slightest suspicion. When they came abreast of him the one with sergeant's stripes asked, "Where are you going?" Snyder told him he was going into MANHAY. Meanwhile, two others got behind him and stuck a rifle in his back and relieved him of his weapon. At least four of the seven spoke flawless English.

Snyder was taken to MILLERPRE where he was questioned by an SS officer. He was asked his name, rank, serial number and regiment. He refused to give his regiment, whereupon the officer told him what it was. By various questions such as "Do you get along all right with the armored troops?", the interrogator tried to learn what units were on the right and the left of 517 Parachute Regiment. He was very persistent in this effort and spent some time asking questions of a similar nature along the same vein.

After the interrogation was over Snyder was herded together with other American PWs from the 7th Armored Division. The Germans took whatever parts of clothing the PWs had that they wanted. An overcoat, two sweaters and one pair of the socks he was wearing were taken from Snyder. Others lost boots and various other items; all identification tags were taken. Each PW was given a blanket and compelled to sleep outside, under guard, alongside the buildings where American artillery was falling. With the exception of the guard, all Germans were in the cellars.

During the day, Snyder was compelled to clean the mess kits of the Germans as they finished eating; he had to clean up the rooms of the officers as well as the quarters of enlisted men. Whenever a German was killed or wounded by American fire, PWs would be kicked, slapped and spit on. This treatment was meted out by both SS troops and Volksgrenadier personnel.

When Snyder was first brought into MILLERPRE on 27 December it was occupied by SS troops. He does remember the number 12. (This was probably 12th SS Division which was in the line vicinity of MANHAY on 27 December.) On the night of 29-30 the SS troops were replaced by a Volksgrenadier unit. All PWs were turned over to this unit and the same treatment was received.

In the afternoon of 3 January, just before our tanks entered the town of MANHAY, Snyder and other PWs managed to escape.

It is significant first of all that these PWs were permitted to live. Secondly, international rules of warfare are not only violated by SS troops but by the venerable Volksgrenadier Divisions. Thirdly, SS troops and the Volksgrenadier Divisions have American uniforms, equipment and rations. Snyder claims many patrols were sent out in American uniforms both by the SS and Volksgrenadier units. One patrol was gone four days operating behind our lines.

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3-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 132000 Jan 45  
To: 142200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
142000 January 1945

No. 166

Maps: No change

### 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: ELLEBOURG (1144), INGOLSHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STEINMILLER (1836), BOML (2037), eastern part of RITTENSHOFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1832) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: FT MOUET (2322), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HENRIKSHOFEN (1217), 110140, 100130 and GAMBESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 1st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 93rd Regt, 240th VC Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

### 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

#### a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Enemy attack in RITTENSHOFEN which started at the beginning of the period was under control by 2330 hrs. Only a slight gain was registered in the assault which was preceded by a heavy arty concentration, at least 2 enemy tanks were knocked out. Harassing arty fire was received during the night in the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf and 242nd Inf sectors. While phosphorous shells were fired in RITTENSHOFEN. Patrols reported the bridge in INGOLSHEIM guarded by the enemy although an arty air CP reported it passable only for foot troops. At 1900 hrs the enemy was reported attempting to repair the bridge and our arty started a program of harassing fire on it. The hill at 173415 was reported clear. Heavy fighting continued in RITTENSHOFEN and HATTEN during the day with our troops making some progress in the latter town. At 2000 hrs tank were heard in ASCHBACH. Enemy air was again active with two ME 262's bombing vic 1134 with 4P bombs at 0415 hrs. An 8 second delay in explosion was reported. Three ME 262's bombed 1134 and 085342 between 1145 and 1211 hrs. Two ME 262's were over the Div sector between 1500 and 1540 hours and bombings were reported in NIEBERBETSCHACH and SUNBOURG. Two of the planes were believed damaged by the 403rd AA Bn. One ME 262 was believed shot down yesterday and to have landed in enemy territory. At 2200 hrs the enemy was apparently launching an attack in HATTEN.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Harassing arty fire fell in all our sectors during the night with some interdiction fire placed near bridge at 096133. Patrols reported a mine field between 096117 and 098121. One enemy patrol of approximately 25 men was reported driven back by CG B, 12th Arm Div, vic 106145 at 0600 hrs, with at least one wounded and one killed. Later it was reported that this patrol might have slipped through the lines, but a search during the day was not fruitful. Some arty fire was received vic 160215 at 1200 hrs. DRUSENHEIM and ROHRMILLER (1217) were isolated and the road between BISCHWILLER and ROHRMILLER was harassed by arty. Tanks of Co. "B", 49th Tn Bn, operating in the 24th Inf sector, knocked out two enemy tanks vic 136156 at 1400 hrs. Patrols of the 242nd Inf engaged enemy patrols vic 201217 and 216300 with unknown results. Another enemy patrol was also observed vic 216294 at 1525 hrs. A 31st Inf patrol which crossed into southern part of DRUSENHEIM drew fire from 2 MEs which were silenced by our mortars. Enemy planes attacked the Div QM Co area in BISMUTH at 2000 hrs, dropping two 500 lb bombs resulting in one vehicle being damaged.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PMs evacuated through PM: 13.
- PMs evacuated through medical channels: 3
- Total PMs to date: 21,803
- 2 enemy tanks destroyed in Div sector during the period. Total enemy tanks knocked out to date: 125
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, Pz Enclosure, Inf Regts, REGUENAU.
- 49th Div sector: Strongly defensive attitude in west part of sector substantiated by increased number of mines and booby traps. Heavy mortar and arty fire on all forward elements in area SARNESBURG-ALTHEIM-KELDERN-TH-REIBACH (080013). 2nd Bn, 12-SS Regt continues intense opposition vic 479532. Company straggled counterattack west area repulsed at 1535A.



IFW Annex (Cont'd)

strength of 100 men. PW states that the 1st Bn is now in Rittershoffen. PW estimates that the strength of the 2nd Bn, 119th Pz Gr Regt and also in Rittershoffen. PW estimates that the strength of the 2nd Bn is approx 200 men of which approx one-half are in Rittershoffen and the other half in Hatten. PW states that there are 20 tanks and assault guns in Rittershoffen of which approx 8 have been knocked out; and that there are approx 5 tanks and assault guns still active in Hatten. PW states that the armor in these two towns is all that is left of the armor of both the 21st and 25th PG Divs.

The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the Rhine the night of 9-10 Jan coming from Scherzheim. PW states that the Bn, after two days, was sent to Herrlisheim which the Americans had evacuated. The Bn went into position along the western edge of the town. The 4th Co, has a strength of approx 150 men armed with 9 MGs and 8-80mm mortars. PW states that one-half of the Bn is always in foxholes and trenches west of the town and the other half is in the town resting. PW has seen no tanks in Herrlisheim in the past two days, and did not know of any German armor in the Bridgehead area. The Bn strength is approx 500-600 men with each company having 2 officers. All personnel are former air raid wardens, firemen and various types of Government employees, most of the personnel have been in the unit, and the Army, since Nov 44.

Battle Group Moltke is a company sized unit of approx 110 men armed with 9 MGs and rifles in position in Rittershoffen. Personnel was drawn from supply units and trains of the 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr Regt and organized 2 days ago. PW knew very little about the unit except that it was made up mostly of older personnel that ordinarily would be considered unfit for military service.

Hannibal III is a unit of Bn size which is probably under the control of the 245th VG Div. The Bn was organized approx one month ago in the vic of Darmstadt from members of the 11th Repl Bn and GAF personnel. 3 weeks ago the unit moved to Niederrotterbach with 4 Co's and a strength of 300 men, to the pillboxes in that vic. 8 days ago the Bn moved to Willer vic of Wissenbourg and personnel were drawn from the 1st and 3rd Co's to bring the strength of the 2nd Co up to 80 men. The 2nd Co then was moved to position south of the town of Ingolsheim to take up a defensive position. PW believes that the remainder of the Bn has also moved down to the vic of Ingolsheim, since the Bn CP is now in Riedseltz. PW believes that a unit named Battle Group Siemann is on their west flank.

Ten of the twelve prisoners processed today were deserters, 7 of the 10 deserters were Poles who spoke little or no German and did not have much tactical information, although very eager to help the Allied cause.

4. Morale

Morale: Fair. PWs taken from Hatten and Rittershoffen state that the morale of the troops in these two towns has declined considerably since the fighting started, due mainly to heavy casualties and only limited or no tactical success in the past few days.

5. Supply

Supply generally good. PW of the 25th AT Bn states that both gas and ammo are very plentiful and can be drawn in any quantities needed. Food on Northern flank still very good, with PWs stating that a hot meal is usually served between 1700 and 1800 hours. Supply in bridgehead area is apparently poor. PW taken from the 2nd SS Police Regt states that the food received is usually frozen and when reheated very often is spoiled. The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt was brought across the Rhine with 35 rds per rifle and 300 rds per MG.

6. Miscellaneous

The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the Rhine on a ferry improvised from four pontoons covered with planking and towed by a heavy motorboat. PWs crossed during the night and could not identify the place of crossing. PW of the 25th AT Bn states that the 35th Pz Gr Regt has suffered very heavy losses and has been pulled out of line to be given a temporary rest in Niederroden. PW states that the houses in Niederroden all billet at least 3 soldiers and that the town has been shelled only occasionally during darkness. Hq Co, 25th AT Bn has three "Guderian" TDs (75mm, long barrel, on Mk IV chassis).

7. Enemy Installations

Listening Posts and Outposts with 2 men and MG at 15554140.  
CP 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr Regt 30 yds W of the church in Rittershoffen at 16113361.  
CP 192nd Pz Gr Regt 50 yds W of church in Rittershoffen at 16163361.  
75mm AT gun in position at 14854235.  
CP 2nd Co, Hannibal III at 14914135.  
CP Hannibal III in Riedseltz.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 142200 Jan 45  
TO : 152200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
152400 January 1945

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No. 189

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEMBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUEL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLISHEIM (1214), LIGLACH, 106130 and GAMESHEIM (1110)

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 20th Para Regt, 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TP WARL): The enemy attack in HATTEN which began at the start of the period consisted of an unestimated number of infantry and 4 tanks. The attack was stopped by 2330 hrs, after the Germans had made some progress. During the night heavy traffic was reported moving from ASCHBACH and BUEL to HATTEN. Patrols also reported traffic from FORSTFELD (2228) to HATTEN by way of 222305 and from FORSTFELD to the East. The enemy in HATTEN resumed the attack, with infantry and flame throwing tanks, at 1450 hrs and made five attempts to advance before subsiding at 0645 hrs. The third attack of the period in the town was reported at 1450 hrs when an estimated bn of infantry attacked from the East, supported by tanks. The Germans made some gains but after the arrival of friendly tanks it appeared that the ground had been recovered by the end of the period. Fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN and at 1930 hrs our troops received a heavy barrage of mortar and arty fire. A patrol of the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, killed 2 enemy vic 167352 at 1055 hrs. 20 rounds of heavy mortar fire fell in OBERHEDERN (1735) around noon. Patrols of the 242nd Inf received MG fire from vic 209313 and 200312. Vehicular traffic was reported going from BUEL to HATTEN at 2025 hrs.

(2) Bridgehead Area: HAGENAU received heavy caliber arty fire during the night and ROHRWILLER received occasional medium battery concentrations as well as SP fire. A group of enemy observed between the canal and 091133 at 0800 hrs was taken under arty fire. DRUSENHEIM was shelled by a few rounds of mortar at 1000 hrs and some vehicular movement was heard in the southern part of town. At 1900 hrs vehicular activity was heard in the southern part of DRUSENHEIM and in HERRLISHEIM.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PM: 5
- Total PWs to date: 21,808
- No enemy tanks destroyed during the period.
- Location of CIO personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGENAU.
- 45th Div sector: Enemy activity decreased in ALTHORN - WILDENGUTH area as 257th Div apparently consolidated positions to a new eastern boundary after relief of unknown elements of 6 SS Pan Div. Strong counterattack vic 0815394 repulsed at 1620 hrs but there are indications of renewal of attack in that area. Local counterattacks vic 0893435 at 1600 hrs and vic 0915435 at 1315 hrs repulsed.
- A combat patrol of the 222nd Inf went looking for a fight this afternoon and found it. It ran across 20 Germans north of CLEMBURG and in the ensuing fight 9 enemy were killed, 3 were believed to be wounded, and the remainder left in a hurry. The 222nd Inf patrol withdrew without casualties.

g. Weather Forecast: 16 Jan - Cloudy with light rain or snow by evening. Haze will restrict visibility which will reach 2-3 miles by 1200 hrs. Min Temp 32°. 17 Jan - Overcast with light rain in morning, but clouds breaking in afternoon. Visibility will improve to 6-8 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 25°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- To attack on Northern Front with up to division strength.



now located in Niederrodern in reserve for perhaps one more attack by the two armored type divisions. The two armored type divisions, according to PWs still have approx 20 tanks in Schlethal that can be repaired and ready for duty in the next two days, 8-10 tanks and assault guns in Hatten that are active and approx 6 assault guns and tanks in Kittershoefen. Relief of any of the units of the 21st Pz and 25th Pz Gr Divs has apparently not yet been accomplished nor is it deemed feasible at the present time with the constant pressure that is brought to bear on those two towns. The entire 119th Pz Gr Regt is, according to PWs, still in the town of Kittershoefen with an approx strength of 300-350 men plus elements of the 20th Para Regt and elements of the 125th Pz Gr Regt and the 122nd Pz Gr Regt. In Hatten the 1st Bn, 20th Para Regt, elements of the 125th and 122nd Pz Gr Regts are in position with a strength approximately totaling 1000-1200 men including elements of the 25th AT Bn protecting the flanks of the town.

#### 7. Enemy Installations

Class I DP in Preistadt at 14900751

8th Co, 2nd SS Police Regt CP plus trains at 12921200

One Platoon of Inf plus MAs at 10011229

2-2mm AA Guns at 12911259

75 AT guns at 12451252 and 12301253

From 14th AD PWs

Obs at 19523501, 17673316, 17903410

Div CP in Eberbach at 24103542

One Btry of 4-150mm Hows at each of the following places: 23403452

23823443

21983920

2-3 Russian 122mm How at 22203390

Mixed AAA Concentrations at 22233411 and 23803422

#### DISCREPANCY INTELIGENCE ITEMS

The following is a translation of extracts from a document by the Co of the 915th VG Regt and was intended for the companies of his Regt to better their local security after he had made an inspection and found much to his dislike. The order was never received by the companies in BETTENDORF as the runner with message was captured before he could make delivery.

Gren Regt 915

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7 Jan 1945

#### CRITIQUE of POSITIONS 4.3

2. At present basic tactic principles are not being observed. "Security Reconnaissance". Recon is to be carried out towards neighboring units as well as the enemy. Every soldier should know the way to his neighbor strong point in the dark. Security guards and outposts are to clear their field of observation in the direction of the enemy and not behind houses.

3. Co's and Bn's will be issued winter clothing. This is not to be issued but stored with the Co supply until the next attack. Articles for winter camouflage are to be taken out of destroyed houses.

4. "Haus Schwalberg" which is occupied by a squad of the 4th Co had no security out at 1800 hrs. This squad has sleeping quarters 500 meters away from Hv MI. The squad leader was not sufficiently instructed in the tactical use of his weapon and Lt Vogel has never been near the positions. I require more activity from my Co Commanders.

5. The squad which was supposed to provide security for the road along the shore was found partly sleeping and the others eating in their quarters. The squad leader is to be court-martialed and the men to be instructed in their battle assignments.

6. A horse drawn vehicle of the 8th Co was driving at 1930 along the road Handel-Gilsdorf without an assistant driver. The driver did not know his destination. A short while later the vehicle ended up in the ditch. I order all vehicles which are driven after dark to have an assistant driver.

7. Because men of the 7th and 8th Co's were not billeted in cellars the Bn recently had 2 casualties. I order all CPs and Officer Messes to first of themselves in basements.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 152200 Jan 45  
TO : 162200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
162400 January 1945

No. 190

L-PS: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEEBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTENHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: FT. LOUIS (2322), DALHUNDEN (1819), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLISHEIM (1214) and GAMBESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st and 2nd Bn's, 20th Para Regt, 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Harassing arty fire was reported during the night. The volume of vehicular traffic seemed less than on previous nights. Some progress was made in HATTEN last night and during the day against stiff opposition but the enemy became more aggressive late in the afternoon. RITTENHOFFEN received arty and mortar fire with less activity reported than in the past few days. Patrols of the 222nd Inf saw 4 enemy vic 145435 and 3 others vic 160403. In one 45 minute period prior to dawn 9 trucks moved from STEINSELTZ to REILSELTZ. HOFFEN (1536) received heavy concentrations of mortar and arty fire during the afternoon with 300 rounds falling between 1150 and 1208 hrs. Mortar and arty fire fell vic 140414 and mortar fire was received at 148328 at 1645 hrs. The enemy counterattacked in HATTEN at 1710 hrs and heavy fighting was going on at the end of the period with an estimated 3 co's of Germans. The 315th Inf reported the enemy using a mortar estimated to be 180mm. Our MSR to HATTEN received 600 rounds of mortar and arty fire in addition to long range MG fire between dark and the end of the period. The 222nd Inf received long range MG fire from vic INGOLSHHEIM in addition to an increase in arty and mortar fire. ME-262's were active with strafing and bombing with AP bombs reported in NIEDERBETSCHDOFF and SCHWABWILLER plus 2 rockets fired into KUNLENDORF.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Traffic was reported vic FORSTFELD (2228) at 0035 hrs as well as some movement in the FT. LOUIS area. The 314th Inf received a very heavy arty counter preparation in its 2nd Bn sector beginning at 0130 hrs and in its 3rd Bn sector in lesser intensity after 0200 hrs. DRUSENHEIM and ROHRWILLER continued to receive arty and mortar fire during the day. An outpost of the 232nd Inf repulsed a 15 man patrol vic 177208 at 0200 hrs. An estimated enemy company attempted to move from DALHUNDEN to SESSENHEIM but was engaged at DRUSENHEIM and forced back to its starting point. An outpost of the 242nd Inf withdrew temporarily when a combat patrol applied pressure at 204307. After dark vehicular activity was reported in the FORSTFELD area. The 12th Armd Div made advances vic 1012 and the French were held up at the southern edge of BETTENHOFFEN (1009).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- PWs evacuated through PM: 27
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 21836
- No enemy tanks destroyed during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's, and HAGUENAU.
- 45th Div Sector: Enemy attack vic 811994 approx 1200 hrs developed into estimated 3 company effort against 157th Inf Regt. Initial attack was followed by heavy arty and mortar concentrations between 1300 and 1330 hrs. No change apparent in enemy dispositions in remainder of sector. Close contact maintained in ALTHORN - WILDENGUTH sector shows enemy remained defensive.
- P-47's made 90 sorties today in this sector hitting HERRLISHEIM, OFFENDORF, DALHUNDEN, NIEDERROEDERN, TRIMBACH, EBERBACH and SCHLITZ.

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IPW ANNEX (Cont'd):

4. Morale: Fair. PW states that the morale of the older men in RITTERSHOFFEN is low, but that the younger men still have much of the "do or die for Hitler" spirit. Morale of paratroops taken by 14th Armd Div in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN during the period is high.

5. Supply: The supply situation in RITTERSHOFFEN is apparently poor. PW states that food has to be carried into the village from HATTEN by hand and that no food was received night of 15 Jan. Ammo supply is adequate.

6. PWs Taken during period by 14th Armd Div: The Div captured 4 Pws, 3 of whom were from the 1st Co, 20th Para Regt and were taken in RITTERSHOFFEN; the fourth was from the 5th Co, 20th Para Regt and was taken in HATTEN, thus identifying the 2nd Bn of the regt for the first time. The 2nd Bn arrived in this sector the night of 14 Jan and immediately received orders to attack HATTEN from the S on 15 Jan. PW estimates bn strength to be 350-400 men with each co having 80-100 men. Pws of the 1st and 2nd Bn's, 20th Para Regt were questioned as to whether they were to relieve the units of the 21st and 25th Div's; they knew nothing about the subject and it is unlikely that the two armd type div's will be relieved until more units of the 7th Para Div arrive in this sector. Pws stated that the 7th Para Div, when known as Div Erdmann, had 3 regt's of 3 bn's each with approx 36-75mm hows in div arty for support. PW of 1st Co said his unit has suffered heavy losses due to mortar and arty fire and that the co now had a maximum strength of approx 60 men.

Pws captured by 232nd Inf vic DALHUNDEN (1921), not yet processed through the Div Cage, were from 6th Co, Bn Thomas. This bn crossed the RHINE with an estimated combat strength of 350 men divided into 4 co's. The bn crossed the river on 14 Jan at an old ferry site at 23182100 by means of a ferry made from a motor boat and pontoons. The entire bn went to DALHUNDEN. On the night of 15 Jan a patrol was sent into SASSENHILK to determine whether or not the town was clear of American troops. The patrol reported the village clear and on the morning of 16 Jan the 6th Co was told to occupy it, but the co drew fire as it approached the village and was forced to withdraw to DALHUNDEN. The Pws state that the bn - formed by the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Co's - was in the town of DALHUNDEN last night. Its mission, as understood by the Pws, was to occupy the bridgehead, enlarge it and eventually join the bridgehead further S.

7. Enemy Installations:

Bridge at 21233406

3-150mm hows near "LIEBENBOURG" at 15684748

8. Miscellaneous: PW of 192nd PG Regt searched house formerly occupied by American troops for food since he was very hungry. He found some badly mangled K-rations and a few cigarettes, but was chased away by a lieutenant from an armd unit. He later saw the lieutenant coming out of the house smoking a cigarette, and upon inspecting the house again he found many K-rations.

9. Field Post Number

58899B

Unit

5th Co, 192nd PG Regt

Personalities

CO: Lt HOFFMAN

Bn CO: Capt MUSCHE

Regt CO: Maj KURTZ

S-E-C-R-E-T

TANK KILLERS (Source: 101st US A/B Div)

(During the fight around BASTOGNE from 18 Dec to 10 Jan the 101st US Airborne Div, CC "R" 9th US Armd Div, CC "B" 10th US Armd Div and 705th TD Bn, destroyed approximately 165 Tks and SF guns. All agencies were used to the fullest, among them bazookas. How they were employed is related in the following reports, based on these questions put to members of bazooka crews: Type of tank; Range when first engaged; Range when stopped; Number of rounds required; Position of tank with reference to bazooka when hit; Part of tank hit; Individual tactics used; Comments.)

1. "Infantry preceded by Tks approached our lines with the two Tks moving abreast under their own MG and cannon fire. The infantry was successfully en-

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 162200 Jan 45  
TO : 172200 Jan 45  
By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
172400 January 1945

No. 191

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEEBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1838), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: ROESCHWOGG (2125), STATTMATTEN (1921), DENGOLSHHEIM (1821), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), northern part of HERRLISHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312), GAMESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div, 1st and 2nd Bns of 20th Para Regt, 2nd Bn of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battlegroups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Heavy traffic was again heard during the night. Medium to heavy volume of arty fire received along front during the night. Enemy patrols were active and forced our outposts to withdraw temporarily in some places. The 1st Bn, 315th Inf made some progress in its attack on RITTERSHOFFEN but met extremely stiff opposition and 500 rounds of mortar fire was received within the space of an hour and a half. Tank and mortar fire was heavy in HATTEN and the enemy exerted considerable pressure until a counterattack by our tanks succeeded in reducing it. RITTERSHOFFEN received its heaviest arty fire to date while the amount slackened in the HATTEN area. Patrols of the 222nd Inf reported an estimated platoon digging in from 108463 to 112460 at 1630 hrs. The 3rd Bn, 242nd Inf received 200 rounds arty fire vic 1821 between 1500 and 1600 hrs. The 827th TD Bn knocked out 2 enemy tanks and the 14th Arm Div accounted for several others.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Heavy mortar and arty fire was received at ROESCHWOGG at 2330 hrs and the outpost was forced to withdraw under infantry pressure shortly after. Patrols were active in the 314th Inf sector and wagon movement was also heard during the night. The enemy became aggressive in the DALHUNDEN (1519) area, and a bn of infantry supported by 6 tanks or assault guns borrowed from the armored units in the HATTEN area, occupied DENGOLSHHEIM (1821) STATTMATTEN (1921) and part of SESSENHEIM (1822). The Germans also entrenched along the RR tracks vic 178208. Our counterattacking force cleared SESSENHEIM during the afternoon and took approximately 30 PWs and caused the enemy considerable casualties in a stiff fight. 2 of the tanks were knocked out by arty and 2 others were probably destroyed. By dark the enemy had been pushed back east of the RR line. Patrols located 2 MGs and infantry at the mill vic 224284. ROHRWILLER received heavy concentrations of arty and mortar during the day. The 12th Arm Div made good progress during the day, capturing the southern part of HERRLISHEIM and taking nearly 300 PWs. One horsedrawn arty piece was knocked out vic 2223 at 1330 hrs by our arty. HAGUENAU received heavy caliber arty fire during the night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PW: 11
- Total PWs to date: 21,847
- 4 enemy tanks destroyed during the period with 2 probables. One 2 1/2 ton vehicle and one arty piece was also destroyed. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 129.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU.
- 45th Div Sector: Enemy offered stiff resistance to our advance vic Q802390. Numerous strong probing actions initiated in Q8139 grid square and some infiltration reported vic Q810389. Patrol to CLIMBACH (Rue 46) reports town clear but estimated company digging in along edge of woods N of town.
- Weather Forecast: 18 Jan - Cloudy throughout day with scattered snow squalls. Visibility 1-2 miles in haze in morning improving to 3-4 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 15°.

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The Bn has not been seen since. Bn strength is estimated at 360 men plus Bn Hq and trains, for a total of approx 440 men. Officer PW has heard that a 3rd Bn is now being formed, along with a 13th and 14th Co. The 6th Co, 21st Para Regt, pointed the attack and according to PWs had a strength of approx 55 men when it withdrew to the original assembly area. 6th Co, originally had 70 men, which were divided into two rifle platoons and a mortar squad with one 81mm mortar (called mortar platoon). The 5th Co, also participated in the attack and suffered approx 15-20 casualties of an original 55 men and is organized the same as the 6th Co, with the one difference being that the mortar squad has 2 81mm mortars. The 7th Co, according to PWs, stayed in the assembly area. It has a strength of 80 men organized the same as the 6th Co. The 8th Co, a heavy company, with 6 HMGs and 6-80mm mortars, was in general support.

The 7th Co, 19th Para Regt, is in ROESCHWOGG. The company attacked pillbox vic 204246 with a strength of 16 men. 2 of the 16 were killed, 10 severely wounded and captured, and 4 were captured in one piece. None of the PWs have seen the other Co's of the Bn but believe them to be somewhere in the ROESCHWOGG area. PWs believe that the Regt had only 2 Bns, but one PW heard of a 9th and 10th Co and has friends in a 14th AT Co which has 50mm AT guns. The 1st Bn of the 19th Para Regt was last seen in HOLLAND on the 19th of December.

4. PWs Captured by 14th Armored Division

PWs were captured during the period by the 14th AD from the 1st and 5th Co's 20th Para Regt, 2nd Co, 125th Rcn Bn, and 1st Co, 192nd Pz Gr Regt. PW of the 125th Pz Rcn was captured vic of FORSTFELD by patrol of the 232nd Inf. PWs state that they were patrolling area between NIEDERRODERN and FORSTFELD and that they had heard that they were to be relieved by a Para unit. PW of the 1st Co, 20th Para Regt was captured in WITTERSHOFFEN where PW estimated that 2 Co's of his Bn were located there with a combined strength of approx 125 men. PW of the 5th Co, 20th Para Regt was captured in HATTEN. PW states that the entire Bn attacked HATTEN from the south with support of Engrs and tanks. PW states that the company lost 30 men and one officer in the attack and that the rest of the companies of the Bn suffered similar losses. One PW states that the regt has 3 Bns.

5. Miscellaneous

It seems likely that the upgrading of the Div Erdmann to 7th Para Div is not entirely completed. No definite proof that the regts of the div have 3 Bns each has been evidenced, although several reports of the 3rd Bn being formed have been noticed. The 21st Para Regt, according to documents listing the code names of the units, has only 8 companies plus a 15th Co (Engr Co). According to documents and officer PW interrogated, the 21st Regt was supported in HOLLAND by the 389th Hvy AA Bn which, according to officer, was a substitute for Div arty. There have been no concrete evidences of the Div having organic artillery. None of the PWs of the 21st Para Regt have seen members of the Bn Thomas in DALHUNDEN. PWs of all Para units interrogated knew nothing of the bridgehead vic DRUSENHEIM - GAMB-SHEIM except what they heard over the radio. Officer PW stated that the eventual aim of the attacks vic SESSENHEIM-AUENHEIM by the 7th Para Div might be to link up with the bridgehead. Again nothing concrete along these lines could be determined. A total of 32 men plus some wounded were taken prisoner from the 5th, 6th 7th, 15th Co's and 2nd Bn Hq, 21st Para Regt, vic SESSENHEIM. PW of the 70th Nebelwerfer Regt was Alsatian deserter on furlough. His unit is in LITHUANIA.

6. Enemy Installations

- 2 - 75mm AT guns at 184195
- 2 HMGs at 18501961
- 4 Pillboxes occupied by enemy at 18302203
- 88mm AA-AT gun at 30802432

7. Supply and Morale

Supply good, ammo plentiful. Morale of Paratroops very high, personnel very security minded and required lengthy interrogation.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

Morale: When our Psychological Warfare broadcast, inviting surrender, was directed at members of Stomach Bns, it could also be heard by members of elms of 17th SS Pz Gr Div. To close of period no effect was observed among Stomachers, but 17 SS Div elms responded vigorously with attempt to ambush US trps and shelling of Regt's CP from whose sector broadcast came. Prior to broadcast 4 deserters had entered our lines from 17 SS Div. (44th Div).

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SIGNIFICANT ORDER OF BATTLE FACTS IN THE WEST - WEEK 8 - 15 JANUARY 1945

1. WESTERN FRONT

a. General.

The past week of intensified enemy defensive fighting was highlighted by the following significant Order of Battle facts:

- (1) The enemy has apparently written off his ARDENNES salient.
- (2) No new division was committed on the entire WESTERN FRONT, and for the second consecutive week no new division was committed in the dwindling penetration area.
- (3) Continued lack of contact with 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs may indicate they are being hoarded for another offensive gamble in an effort to retain the initiative.
- (4) Further indications of a possible build-up in the SAARLAUTERN (Q2880) - SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area.

b. Intensified Defensive Attitude

The marked intensification of the enemy's defensive attitude throughout the shrinking ARDENNES salient indicated that he has written it off as far as any further adventuring there is concerned. It was a gamble and to the extent that it enabled him to seize the initiative and to unhinge the Allied offensive he scored a major strategic victory. Now, he is engaged in trying to milk as much profits out of the terrain he overran by selling space for time as expensively as possible. All indications point to his endeavoring to effect a stalemate in salient on a defensive line on the favorable terrain extending NE from HOUFFALIZE (P6172) to ST VITH (P8588).

c. Lack of Reinforcements.

Not one division was contacted in the WEST during the week. Further, for the second consecutive week enemy forces in the penetration area had to be content with makeshift reinforcements shuttled from less threatened sectors. Despite continued heavy battle attrition, no new divisional reinforcements were produced. The enemy units in the ARDENNES salient had to fight it out with what could be scraped together for them from forces already committed. In other words, they had to "make their own grease". Two reasons may underlay this situation. One, the enemy may not have any available reserves he can spare, or two, he may be husbanding them in preparation for another offensive thrust.

d. Mobile Reserve

The continued absence from the battle line of 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs ties in directly with this situation. This determined hoarding of his only fit mobile reserve appears to have a two-fold purpose: (1) to keep at hand a mobile reserve to oppose an Allied offensive, and (2) to employ this reserve as the spearhead of another penetration attempt in an effort to retain the initiative.

e. Possible Build-up Area.

Tac/R and ground reports indicate a definite build-up in the SAARLAUTERN (Q2880) - SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area. Heavy movements from vic TRIER (L2129) to MERZIG (Q2094) also was reported. No identifications have been obtained, but everything points to preparations for aggressive operations. Numerous factors favor that. In the SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area the enemy already has a bridgehead which could be exploited to good advantage in a new offensive. The SAARLAUTERN area has an excellent road and rail network, a large and well-covered assembly region, and not over 40 miles to go to reach METZ. Finally, this is only campaigning ground for the enemy. The sector was the scene of his major effort in 1940 and there are great tactical, economic and psychological prizes to be won by a successful "gamble" in LORRAINE.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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TO : 182200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
182400 January 1945

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Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CIEBOURG (1144), INGOLSHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.  
On Eastern Front and Bridgehead Area: FURSTFELD (2228), NOESCHWOG (2125), SESSENHEIM (1822), 175205, southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLENSHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312), GAMBESHEIM (1110).
- b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 20th Para Regt, 2nd Bn of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd Div.
- c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention:  
10 SS Panzer Div "FRUNDSBERG". Recent information from higher Hq places the 10 SS Pz Div in the KAISERLAUTERN area. Persistent PW statements to the effect that they saw SS troops in rear areas and that after having pushed through the hills (S of REIPERTSWILLER), they will be followed up by a Mtz or Pz Div may lend credibility to this information. One PW mentioned the 10 SS Div "FRUNDSBERG" as one of the units destined to attack in the REIPERTSWILLER salient. However, none of the PWs seem to have any definite knowledge of any unit.

This Div was formed in SW FRANCE during the winter 1942/43 and was first committed in the NORMANDY campaign where it suffered heavy casualties, following which, in Oct 1944, it was withdrawn to GERMANY for reorganization. The Div was next identified by the Second British Army in HOLLAND towards the middle of November. Withdrawn from the line early in December the Div was believed to be held in immediate reserve in HOLLAND until the middle of Dec., when it was believed to have become part of the 6 SS Pz Army, forming at that time, but the fact that this Army was committed during the first days of the German counteroffensive without 10 SS Pz Div might indicate that Div, in fact, was no part of the 6th SS Pz Army. The exact location of the Div was never definitely established since its withdrawal from HOLLAND, though various reports placed the Div first in the KARLSRUHE area, in the center of the German salient on First US Army front and in the COLOGNE area.

Present effective combat strength of Div is estimated to be 6000 plus about 80 tanks. The Div is composed of 21 and 22 PGR, both having 3 bns each, plus a 13th (Inf Hw) and a 14th (AT Co) Cos. The 10 SS Pz Regt is believed to have 3 bns. 10 SS Arty Regt, according to all available evidence, is also composed of 3 bns. When last contacted, the Div was supported by 2 Fortress Mg Bns. In addition to the 2 PGRs, the Pz Regt and the Arty regt, the organic units of the div are; 10 AA Bn, 10 AT Bn, 10 Sig Bn, 10 Rcn Bn, 10 Engr Bn, 10 Assault Gun Bn, 10 Field Repl Bn, 10 Med Bn, Div Services. According to latest information, Div commander is Col (OBERFUEHRER) HARMEL. (VI Corps).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): At the beginning of the period 3 white parachute flares were observed fired in the vicinity of our front lines, which were immediately followed by enemy TOT on HUNSPACH (1539). Traffic in the ASCHBACH - STUNDWILLER area decreased and arty fire during the night was not as heavy as usual. Enemy patrols were active in the 242nd Inf sector. The enemy staged a small attack of infantry supported by one tank in HATTEN at 0645 hrs, another at 1545 hrs which was stopped by arty, and the final one of the period with tanks and infantry at 2000 hrs that was contained by 2100 hrs. The enemy withdrew slightly in RITTERSHOFFEN to a better defensive position and one 315th Inf patrol killed 8 Germans running out of a burning building and another patrol captured 4 PWs. The 827th TD Bn reported knocking out 3 Mk IV tanks in the HATTEN area today. An early evening patrol of the 313th Inf reported ASCHBACH clear of enemy as it patrolled the town.

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2. Unit Organization, Strength and Disposition

Co A/33, formerly known as Co Wimmer, Bn Hoppe was virtually destroyed in its first attempt to take STATTMATEN. Co went across the RHINE to be reorganized, and received repl from the 5th Drivers Repl Tng Bn in RASTATT. Co again came to the west side of the RHINE on the 17th of Jan, crossing at 233210 after which the entire company went to ROPPENHEIM. PW states that the entire Bn Hoppe has been reorganized with a strength of approx 250 men divided into three Co's all of which are at the present time in ROPPENHEIM. The 3 Co's of the Bn are A/34, also known as Co Starke, A/33 also known as Co Wimmer and Co Menzel which is probably known as Co A/35. 9 men of Co Wimmer were sent on a patrol from ROPPENHEIM with the mission of determining whether or not LAUTENHEIM was clear of enemy forces. PW states that the patrol lost its way and went to KAUFFENHEIM where, according to PWs, one man was killed and 8 captured. One of the captured men was seriously wounded. PW states that the entire Bn is in ROPPENHEIM and that the mission of their Co was to hold the town.

The 3rd Co, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the RHINE from SCHERZHEIM on the night of 14/15 Jan with a strength of 120 men. Company went to the town of HERRLISHEIM and took up positions at 125154. PW states that the 4th Co is on their right flank. Co suffered heavy losses in yesterday's attack and medical PW treated 65 wounded from 3rd Co. Personnel of the Co were all over 38 yrs of age and were ready to surrender but were prevented by their First Sergeant who constantly promised that the company was to be relieved. The Co CP in HERRLISHEIM was destroyed and the Co CO was badly wounded or killed. The SS Police units were supported by 3 75mm Assault Guns which were last known to be in position at 12911496. Kitchon and trains of the Bn have not crossed the RHINE and are still located in SCHERZHEIM.

PWs of the Convalescent Co, 317th Inf, 211th Inf Div stated that the Div had been badly mauled on the East Prussian front and was now being reorganized in various towns of WEST PRUSSIA into a Volksgrenadier Division. PWs stated they received furloughs to LANDAU, made their way south through WISSEMBOURG, ROTT and GLEESBOURG to desert to the American forces at 108441. PW states that the German line is thinly held in this sector and that he saw only three German soldiers between BERG ZABERN and the American front lines. PW claims that German line runs from cemetery south of GLEESBOURG (113444) north to river and along river to road at 107451. PW spoke to civilians in WISSEMBOURG who claimed that the bridge in that city was heavily used at night.

PW of the Trains, 3rd Bn, 20th Para Regt states that the 3rd Bn was formed in HOLLAND in Dec with an approx strength of 600 men. 35 belonged to Bn trains, 15 men each to the 4 rifle co's, and approx 40-50 men to Bn HQ. The remainder of the 600 were distributed amongst the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Cos which would give them an approx strength of 115 men each. PW is unfamiliar with the organizational setup of the 4 Co's of the Bn, but says that the entire Bn is committed in the vic of RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN. PW was sent out from vic of MOTHERN to RITTERSHOFFEN to pick up a civilian car that was in that town. The car broke down and PW lost his way and wandered into American arms. The entire Bn arrived from HOLLAND vic of GERMERSHEIM approx 8 days ago and that the trains arrived vic MOTHERN on the 12th of Jan. The Bn was committed on 14 Jan and according to PW has been in line since that date.

PWs of the 2nd Bn, 21st Para Regt were reinterrogated but several pertinent questions as to overall objective and possible employment of the 25th PGR Div in conjunction with 19th and 21st Para Regts in a combined attack to join bridgehead vic GAMESHEIM - DRUSENHEIM remained unanswered. Officer PWs knew nothing more of the bridgehead then had been announced over the radio by German stations and knew of no other objective than taking SESSENHEIM and holding it. Anger PWs of the 15th Co, 21st Para Regt, who were attached to the 2nd Bn carried T mines which were to be laid to secure western approaches to the town. However it is likely that officers captured would not know of final mission of the attack, and that these initial attacks are merely maneuvering to gain more advantageous jump off points.

3. MORALE

Morale of the PWs from Co Wimmer and 2nd SS Police Regt low. PWs were all older men and entirely dissatisfied with their life at the front. PWs of the 19th and 21st Para Regts were extremely well indoctrinated in "all the good Nazi ideals" and of a good age group. PWs morale in the latter units is exceptionally high and remained high even after capture.



THE BETTENDORF RAID

During the first days of January 1945 Div patrols had repeatedly crossed the SAUER RIVER and made contact with the enemy despite adverse weather and terrain conditions. However, they had been unable to capture any prisoners and it became imperative to identify the units on our front, as the enemy was, at that time, known to be shifting his dispositions in the salient. On 7 Jan 45, 4 civilians from the town of BETTENDORF (PY143) crossed the River into the Div area with information about the town and its garrison. It was decided that the information that they brought was sufficient to insure the success of a strong raiding party with the mission of entering BETTENDORF, capturing prisoners and testing enemy defenses.

A detailed air-photo study of the town and its surroundings was made by the Div PI Team, and an accurate and up to date town plan of BETTENDORF scale 1/3300, was drawn up and reproduced in sufficient quantity to furnish copies to all concerned in the raid. The civilians from BETTENDORF were subjected to a very detailed interrogation by the Div MII Team and with the use of the town plan, the pin-point location of the enemy's CP's, defensive positions, and lines of communication were located in addition to valuable terrain information. The results of these intelligence studies were forwarded to the 10th Infantry on 8 Jan and a personal terrain reconnaissance was made during the daylight hours on 9 Jan by the CO and staff of the 3rd Bn, 10th Inf and the patrol leader, 1st Lt Wilfred Longpre, Co "L", 10th Inf. It was decided that the composition of the raiding party should consist of the 1st Platoon of Co "L" and a mortar observer with an SCR 300 radio. In addition to the TE equipment, the patrol was to be equipped with tommy guns and snow suits. The patrol was briefed on the afternoon of 9 Jan, by the Bn CO, Lt Col Shipley, and each man's mission was thoroughly explained, rehearsed and illustrated on the plans and charts available.

At approximately 0200 hrs 10 Jan the raiding party crossed the SAUER RIVER in assault boats vic P908424, then circled to the west of town to reach the telephone lines, which they cut, thereby isolating the town's garrison. The patrol split into two groups, each with its assigned mission to attack all houses that had been reported as occupied by the enemy. One patrol attacked the CP and after wiping out all resistance around the building, threw fragmentation and concussion grenades into the cellar, resulting in shouts and screams from the occupants. They then proceeded to the S of town where they posted themselves to secure the right flank of the other group. The other group had, in the meantime, subjected a large enemy installation to the grenade treatment and had captured two prisoners. The raiding party had reassembled by 0430 hrs when they crossed the river over a partially demolished bridge. Several TOT's were laid on BETTENDORF by Div arty as soon as the raiding party had cleared the town.

During this action the raiding party sustained no casualties and inflicted losses of an estimated 20 killed, capturing 3 PWs from the 3rd Co, 15th VG Regt, 352nd VG Div. One of these prisoners was bearing the critique of defensive positions by the Regt's CO who had made an inspection of the defenses of BETTENDORF the preceding day. Members of the raiding party were in complete accord with the Regt's CO's criticisms and further pointers and suggestions were delivered to the BETTENDORF garrison through Field Artillery channels on 13 Jan 45, two rounds loaded with attached leaflets being dropped on all enemy CP installations revealed by PW interrogation.

Lesson

The success of this raid was greatly enhanced by thorough preparation on the part of all echelons. Particular emphasis was placed on pin-pointing the enemy installations, securing necessary equipment, thorough ground reconnaissance and detailed briefing of patrol members. Similar preparation for future patrols should insure comparable results and minimum casualties.

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It must be remembered that enemy, particularly the 915 VG Regt which we have needed twice in the last 48 hours, may also prepare successful raids. Outpost consisting of 4 Officers and 17 EM of the 4th US Inf Div was wiped out vic LL235 by enemy raiding party night of 12/13 Jan 45. Small outposts should not remain in same building, cellar or locality but should be shifted periodically to avoid similar ambush. This is particularly true if outpost positions have been observed during daylight hours. (source: 5th Div) (TUSA)



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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEEBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

On Eastern Front and Bridgehead Area: FORSTFELD (2228), LEUTENHEIM (2127), ROESCHWOGG (2125), SSESSENHEIM (1822), BOIS DE SSESSENHEIM (1720), DRUSENHEIM (1517), 143173, 130168, 085145 and 075125.

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 20th Para Regt, 1st and 2nd Bns of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 22 SS Pz Gr Regt or 10th SS Pz Div, 1st Bn and Bn SCHINDLER of 937th Regt of 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: With the commitment of four of his better type divisions (21st Pz, 25th Pz Gr, 7th Para and 10th SS Pz) there can be no doubt that the enemy has now focused his attention on ALSACE rather than the ARDENNES. The recapture of ALSACE by the enemy would not only be a military victory but a political plum as well since the Germans consider this territory as an integral part of the Third Reich. With such importance placed on this sector it can be assumed that the enemy will reinforce his troops now engaged. Logical candidates for movement to this area are divisions that have disengaged themselves from the former ARDENNES salient. The 10th Pz Div, temporarily located vic TRIER, remains the only complete Panzer division that has not been committed.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Vehicles using headlights were observed moving from OBERSEEBACH to ASCHBACH to STUNDWILLER during the night. Harassing arty fire continued to fall during the hours of darkness. Some infantry movement was heard in HATTEN at 0100 hrs and again at 0615 hrs, but our arty fire quickly quieted this. The enemy attacked with tanks and infantry in the town at 0600 hrs and the assault was repulsed without loss of ground by 0930 hrs. During this time it was estimated that the Germans used 3000 rounds of mortar, arty and tank fire. The tanks remained active until noon. The enemy remained alert in RITTERSHOFFEN to all of our attempts to advance or patrol. The 312th FA Bn reported knocking out 2 enemy tanks and the 310th FA Bn reported knocking out another. A 242nd Inf outpost vic 200310 with reinforcements dispersed a 50 man patrol at 1500 hrs.

(2) Eastern Front (TF LINDEN) and Bridgehead Area: ROHRWILLER (1217) was attacked from the SW by a battalion of infantry shortly before midnight but were repulsed prior to dawn. The enemy resisted stubbornly in SSESSENHEIM and the BOIS DE SSESSENHEIM with small arms and tank fire this morning. The enemy probed with some success in the 12th Armd Div sector during the afternoon but at a heavy cost in tanks. The 12th Armd Div reported knocking out 16 enemy tanks, including 2 German operated Shermans, in its right sector and 8 inch howitzers destroyed 3 others west of HERRLISHEIM and DRUSENHEIM and a build-up was apparent during the day. The enemy attacked the Northern part of DRUSENHEIM from the NE, S and SW at 1930 hrs with an estimated two bns of infantry, supported by several tanks. By the end of the period DRUSENHEIM was surrounded and the 2nd Bn, 314th was in the process of fighting its way out. At 1820 hrs a low flying enemy plane dropped one bomb vic HAGUENAU.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PM: 14
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 21,923.

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IPW ANNEX (Cont'd)

try from B.G. von Leouen, at western outskirts of ASCHBACH vic 179373. B.G. is divided into 4 platoons of 18-20 men and 3 HMGs each.

4th Co, 21st Pz Rcn, 21st Pz Div. 21st Pz Rcn Bn was on line north of RITTERSHOFFEN. PW claimed entire Bn has been relieved an SS Armored Div or SS Pz Gr Div. 21st Pz Rcn Bn:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Cos are scout car co's, with 18-20 scout cars each and also 80-100 men each. 4th Co, is a Hvy Co - 3 Plats, 100 men.

1-Engr Plat - 10 Scout Cars

2-AT Plat - 3-75mm AT guns

3-Cannon Plat - 3 short, 75mm Hows mounted in half-tracks.

PWs in the process of relief, wandered into our lines and were captured. PWs saw 15 damaged tanks being moved out of town and 5 in the town burned out. PW talked to paratroopers who claimed their mission in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN was merely defensive.

2nd Co, 21st Pz Rcn, according to PW, left RITTERSHOFFEN and is now in NIEDERR-ODEERN. PW captured was evacuating wounded in a half track with PWs of the 4th Co. Rumor has it that the entire 21st Pz Div is to be relieved and reconstituted. Both companies reported heavy casualties in men and material from arty fire.

The 5th Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt has lost 60-70 men vic HATTEN - RITTERSHOFFEN and has been combined with the 6th Co. PW states that the total strength of the two combined companies is now approx 50-60 men. 2nd Bn, 125th Pz Gr Regt strength estimated at 115 men all defending the southeastern part of the town of RITTERSHOFFEN. PW states that they are to be supported by para-troopers and Waffen SS. PW has suffered approx 60-70% losses and believes losses are similar in the other Bn of the regt.

The 14th AD captured prisoners from the 3rd Co, 35th Pz Gr Regt during the period. PW states that the 3rd Co has an approx strength of 75 men and for the past 6 days has been protecting the south flank of HATTEN. 3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt is in position at 17903312. PW believes the entire Bn is in a defensive position there.

PWs of the 1st Co, 22nd SS PGR, 10 SS Div Frundsberg were captured by the 12th AD vic ROHRWILLER. PWs stated that the entire 1st Bn, 22nd SS PGR attacked direction ROHRWILLER with a mission of securing a bridgehead across the MOEN RIVER there to pave the way for a later armored attack. The 1st Bn, 22nd PGR crossed the RHINE RIVER vic of FREISTATT on the 16th of Jan and remained in the woods until 18 Jan they then advanced on ROHRWILLER through HERRLSHEIM. PWs estimate that at least the 1st and 2nd Bns 22 PGR were across the RHINE. Last known location of the 3rd Bn was in the towns of MUSSBACH and GIMELTINGEN where they were billeted on 16 Jan. PW states that the mission of the Div is to advance and take objective approx 16 km from the RHINE RIVER after which time they were to be relieved by a Volksgrenadier Div in the 240 series. The 1st Bn, 22nd PGR is in position east of ROHRWILLER with the 2nd co on the south flank, the 3rd Co in the center and the 1st Co on the north flank. The 1st Co has an approx strength of 100 men divided into three platoons of which two platoons are rifle platoons and the third platoon is a HMG platoon having 3 HMGs. The 4th Co is a heavy company with 4-75mm AT guns and approx 6-80mm mortars. The Bn combat strength is approx 450 men. The 1st Bn, 22nd SS PGR had radio communication with a para unit on the north flank. PW says there are two regiments in the Div each regt having 3 Bns. All bns are approx 400-500 men strong, excluding bn trains and supply units. All PWs agreed that the division has a total of approx 70 tanks which are almost equally divided amongst Mark V and Mark VI types. PWs disagreed on whether or not these tanks were organized into two or three Bns.

PW of the 2nd Co, 116th Pz Bn, was an Alsatian deserter who was last with his unit in KREFELD (RUHR) on 1 Dec. PW states that the Division was being reorganized at the time he deserted.

4. Morale

Morale of the PWs of the 125th Pz Gr Regt was fair. Morale of SS troops good. PWs feel they are about to spring a trap on the Americans in ALSACE.

5. Miscellaneous

One PW of the 125th Pz Gr Regt states that there are rumors of being relieved by a Waffen SS Div. The 1st Bn of the 22nd SS Pz Gr Regt assembled and crossed the Rhine in the vic of FREISTATT. PW states that FREISTATT is the focal point of the Divs operation and would make a good air target.

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FROM: 192200 Jan 45  
TO : 202200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
202400 January 1945

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MAPS: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: GLEEBURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1535), eastern part of HATTEN (1833), 222305, FORSTFELD (2228), LEUTENHEIM (2127), ROESCHWOOG (2125), SESSENHEIM (1822), BOIS DE SESSENHEIM (1720), DRUSENHEIM (1517), 143173, 130168, 085145 and 075125.

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 10th Para Regt, 1st and 2nd Bn's of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of 7th Para Div; elements of 21st and 22nd Pz Gr Regt's of 10th SS Pz Div; 1st Bn and Bn SCHINDLER of 937th Regt of 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: The 11th Pz Div can be eliminated from the list of uncontacted units due to its employment in the XX US Corps sector.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: There was little traffic reported in the HATTEN - RITTERSHOFFEN area after midnight. An enemy patrol was contacted vic 185323 at 0500 hrs and 3 PWs were taken while the remainder were driven off. The 222nd Inf reported flare activity during the night. After being held up in DRUSENHEIM by the 2nd Bn, 314th Inf, the enemy was not able to make further progress during the night. Some small arms fire was received from the vicinity of SESSENHEIM until 0430 hrs and the 3rd Bn, 314th Inf received moderate harassing arty fire. HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN remained relatively quiet during the day. Some enemy pressure was reported in the southern part of the BOIS DE RUNTZENHEIM (1829) at 1000 hrs but no attack developed. During the morning tracked vehicles were heard in the SESSENHEIM area and some small arms fire was reported in DRUSENHEIM. Enemy were reported dug in vic 13751825 and 190329. The 411th Inf and the 314th Inf received heavy arty fire between 1300 and 1500 hrs but no aggressiveness followed. In the afternoon German tank and infantry activity was reported in DRUSENHEIM and tracked vehicle movement was heard in the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM. Two half-tracks were observed vic 131179.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs evacuated through FM: 8

b. Total PWs to date: 21,931

c. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's and SCHWIND-RATZHEIM.

d. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.

e. Friendly jet-propelled (Meteor) aircraft are to begin operations over EUROPE 20 January bearing camouflage coloring and standard day fighter markings. Rigid censorship over press and mail will be exercised and every effort will be made to insure that no information regarding the aircraft reaches the enemy.

f. The S-2, 411th Inf, reported that 2 men of Co "B", 410th Inf were surprised in their foxholes vic BL520 by 2 German soldiers dressed in American uniforms. The enemy stripped the Americans to their underwear and gave all the clothing to 2 other enemy dressed in German uniforms. The American soldiers were blindfolded and told not to move or they would be shot while the last 2 Germans charged into the American uniforms. The 4 enemy then took off toward the Div's left flank. The American soldiers returned to their CP without being further molested by the Germans. All units are warned that the enemy made use of American uniforms in the ARDENNES attack and will probably attempt to do the same in this sector.

g. Weather forecast - Jan 21: Broken low clouds after 0930 hrs with haze and light fog. Visibility 6-8 miles after 0930 hrs. Min temp: 25 degrees.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. To probe with patrols to determine our new positions.

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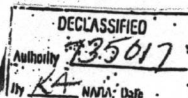
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TO : 212200 Jan 45  
Hq 74th Inf Div  
In the Field  
212400 January 1945

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: Enemy was reported east of BISCHWILLER (0918) and CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0821).  
b. Units in Contact: The 10th SS Pz Div remained active on our right flank.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary: The enemy made a slight attack against the OPL of the 222nd Inf early in the period but remained quiet after the line had been restored. The Div disengaged itself successfully from the enemy during the night. No follow-up was apparent in the HAGUENAU FOREST during the day. One unidentified cub plane was reported over HAGUENAU in the morning and it flew away when approached by one of our cub planes. An air OP reported a small number of tanks and infantry vic 103179 and 102203 at 1630 hrs plus 8 half tracks vic 138205. Shortly after dark the OPL of the 314th Inf vic CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN was driven in and the regiment was receiving tank fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 2  
b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 2  
c. Total PWs to date: 21,935  
d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts and SCHWIND-RATZHEIM.  
e. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.  
f. VI Corps ISUM as of 211800 hrs: In 36th Div sector: During afternoon 20 tanks were reported operating to the Division front 2 of which were destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 2 hit. Considerable activity was reported in woods R1011 and at about 1540 hrs our arty fired upon a group of 30-40 enemy at R090154. 108 PWs were taken from the 21st PGR and 22nd PGR. One PW stated that small enemy groups are attempting to find weak spots in our defense and if found the entire 10 SS Pz Div and a VG would attempt to drive through. No enemy trucks reported.  
103rd Inf Div Sector: No enemy contact in Div zone. 2 rounds arty fell in MENCHHOFFEN (08329).  
45th Inf Div Sector: Light scattered arty fire in W and central parts of sector. Enemy patrol observed at 771390, of 15-20 men, scattered by our mortar fire at 1200 hrs. 5-6 rounds SP fire fell on INGWILLER at 1225 hrs and 1425 hrs.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

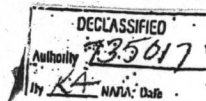
- a. To probe with patrols to determine our new positions.  
b. To make reconnaissance in force.

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FROM: 212200 Jan 45  
TO : 222200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
222400 January 1945

No. 196

MAPS: No Change.

### 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: 011211 - 041249 - 055245 - 068240 - 080215 - 095204 - 099194.

b. Units in Contact: The 10th SS Pz Div remains active on our right flank and elements of the 21st Pz Div are active in N HAGUENAU.

### 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: During the night enemy infantry and tanks were heard in the CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0821) area and KALTENHOUSE (0721) received some tank fire. WEITERUCH (0317) was shelled from 0800 to 0930 hrs. At noon indications of enemy buildup NE of BISCHWILLER (0918) became apparent as the enemy began to move infantry, tanks, horse-drawn artillery and AT guns into the vicinity of OBERHOFFEN (0919), OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER (0920), CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN and the E and S edges of the BOIS DE OBERHOFFEN (0921). This buildup was continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. The enemy carried on extensive patrolling on the N, NW, and E sides of HAGUENAU (0424). One enemy tank at 043248 placed harassing fire on bridge site at 041247 and into N part of town. A second enemy tank was sited at 056246. No enemy were observed S of MERTZWILLER (9629) - HAGUENAU road in 222nd Inf sector. Four enemy reconnaissance vehicles painted white were reported at 010308 at 1500 hrs and four in the vicinity of 022295 at 1550 hrs. At 1700 hrs an arty air OP reported an undetermined number of tanks and infantry in vicinity of 050246. Some arty, mortar and direct fire was received in 313th Inf sector. At 1745 hrs an outpost of 242nd Inf engaged in fire fight with enemy patrol at 068240. Enemy activity was reported in HUNDSHOF (0326) and at 2125 hrs a high velocity weapon was reported firing from vicinity of 024263 to 032248.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs evacuated through Pk: 2

b. Total PWs to date: 21,937

c. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's and SCHWIND-RATZHEIM.

d. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.

e. VI Corps ISUMs as of 221800 hrs: 103rd Div: Strong enemy movement N and NW zone during afternoon observed by patrols and air OPs. Reconnaissance patrol sighted troops in black uniforms in ZINSWILLER. 6 armd cars observed moving into GUNDERSHOF-FEN from E at 1615. At 1700 air OP reported column including approx 200 vehicles preceded by infantry moving on ZINSWILLER. No artillery reported during afternoon.

45th Div: Enemy activity in forward areas continued light. Estimated 15 enemy reported digging in vic 816389 at 1540. Combat patrol engaged estimated enemy platoon vic 808365. Arty and mortar fire very scattered against forward elements.

36th Div: Enemy was active and at the close of the period 25 tanks were reported moving slowly W vic 113132. Enemy infantry of undetermined number were dispersed at 102157 by arty fire after reported forming for attack at 1515.

f. Weather forecast for 23 Jan: Partly cloudy at dawn, increasing cloudiness throughout the day with few scattered snow showers over the VOSGES MTS. In the afternoon visibility 6-10 miles lowering to 2-3 miles in snow showers. Sky clear after sunset. Wind: NW, 8 MPH. Min temp: 26 degrees.

### 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. To make reconnaissance in force.

b. To attack in regimental strength with tank support.

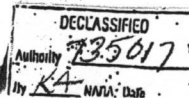
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TO : 232200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
232400 January 1945

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Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: The enemy was observed or contacted North of the MODER RIVER from Q942274 to R098192.
- b. Units in Contact: During the period the 3rd Co, 103rd VG Regt of the 47th VG Div and the 13th Security Bn were identified.
- c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: With the arrival of the 47th VG Div it has become even more apparent that the enemy has decided to make his main effort on the Western Front in ALSACE. The 47th VG Div had been engaged in the DUREN sector, but started its movement South at the beginning of the New Year. The 36th Inf Div has shifted Eastward and was identified in the 103rd Div zone today. The 245th VG Div is believed to be available in immediate reserve and our recent opponents - the 21st Pz Div, 25th Pz Gr Div, 7th Para Div and 10th SS Pz Div - are still around.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary: Enemy patrols were active during the night in all regimental sectors and several casualties were inflicted by our arty and small arms fire. Throughout the day the enemy continued to close on the MODER RIVER with considerable vehicular and foot movement observed, particularly in the OBERHOFFEN area. Included in the vehicles observed were American jeeps, trucks, command cars and half tracks. Tanks and infantry were engaged by our arty and small arms shortly after dawn vic Q1652568 and Q07250. An estimated company of infantry was taken under arty fire which caused dispersion vic Q42253 at 1030 hrs. Tac/R reported much infantry plus tanks and motor drawn arty north of the HAGUENAU FOREST prior to noon. During the afternoon enemy patrols were engaged at 970212, Q04254 and 971280. 8 enemy were reported digging in vic 995259 at 1500 hrs. 4 tanks were reported vic CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (0821) at 1723 hrs. Enemy planes bombed and strafed WEITBRUCH several times during the morning while KALTENHOUSE (0721), 072211, 074211, 07453307 and 07663956 were bombed in the afternoon.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 1
- b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- c. Total PWs to date: 21,939
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts and SCHWIND-RATZHEIM.
- e. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- f. VI Corps ISUM as of 231800: 36th Div sector: Ey ground activity slight except for est 40 man atk against outpost vic Q84100 in midafternoon which was broken up by our troops by 1650 hrs. Arty light, in sector, air activity continued.
- 45th Div sector: Ey vic REIPERTSWILLER and N of SARGMUHL more active during period, generally quiet in remainder of sector. Road vic Q788379 interdicted throughout period, arty and mortar fire light in rest of zone. Bodies identify 1st Co, 476th Regt vic REIPERTSWILLER and 1st Bn Hq, 476th VG Regt vic Q818373.
- 103rd Div sector: Ey buildup in Div front continued throughout period. 88 cas arty reported received PFAFFENHOFFEN.
6. Weather Report: 24 Jan: broken to overcast low clouds throughout period, intermittent light snow showers. Visibility 1-3 miles at dawn, improving to 2-5 miles by 1100. Min Temp: 24°.
- 25 Jan: Clear at dawn, increasing low clouds throughout period. Visibility 6-10 miles. Wind NW 12 mph, Min Temp 27°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To make reconnaissance in force.
- b. To attack in regimental strength with tank support.

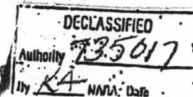
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TO : 242200 Jan 45  
Bq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
242400 January 1945

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Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: The enemy was observed or contacted North of the MODER RIVER from Q942274 to R098192
- b. Units in Contact: Elements of the 47th VG Div and the 13th Security Bn.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: The only arty fire received during the night was in the BISCHWILLER area. Enemy patrols were active, however, with a small one reported vic 980267 at 0230 hrs and a large one vic 982266 at 0245 hrs. One of our patrols drew considerable small arms fire from 99822510 and vic 994255. At least 4 Germans of an outpost at 069231 were killed by a 242nd Inf patrol. The enemy was reported digging in vic 05252410. Small arms fire was received from the NEUBOURG RR station at 0755 hrs and an enemy patrol had several casualties inflicted at 959269. Small groups of enemy and one tank was observed North of HAGUENAU during the morning. The tank fired at our OP in a church steeple and managed to knock it out. At 0925 hrs an arty air OP reported and directed fire on 6 vehicles at 110225, 5 vehicles at 114219, an AA btry at 197227 and 200 infantry at 110220. Twelve vehicles were taken under fire at 136226 at 0957 hrs. Two small groups of enemy were observed at 085211 and 081213 at 1030 hrs and digging in was reported along RR track vic 025249. During the afternoon much enemy traffic was observed in the SCHIRRHHEIM (1222) - SCHIRRHHEIM (1322) - BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM (1420) area. Thirty Germans were reported vic 069231 and small groups vic 056244. Self propelled fire was received in HAGUENAU and vic 074228. The enemy continued active patrolling North of the MODER RIVER in the 222nd Inf sector and our patrols engaged them twice during the afternoon. Arty, mortar and small arms fire started in the 222nd Inf sector at 2005 hrs and the enemy came out of the woods and approached the river in the 9626 grid square at 2055 hrs, but was driven back in the woods at 2110 hrs. The 3rd Bn, 313th Inf received heavy MG fire in Northwestern HAGUENAU at 2100 hrs, and replied with mortar fire. Considerable vehicular movement was reported in the CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN area shortly before 2100 hrs. The 2nd Bn, 313th Inf, received small arms fire from three points at 2105 hrs which died down by 2130 hrs.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 3
- b. Total PWs to date: 21,942
- c. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Rgts, and SCHWINDRATZHEIM.
- d. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- e. VI Corps ISUM as of 241800: Situation unchanged with probing action continuing and some movements in enemy rear areas. 10-12 tanks reported operating vic ROTHBACH (Q8534) and 4 KO'd. 125 troops reported in MULHAUSEN (Q8730) and unknown number reported going into URWILLER (Q8830) some of which were on skis. Estimated 150 enemy moving on road from ZINSWILLER (Q8634) to OFFWILLER (Q8534). Several small groups of enemy reported vic R0913.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To continue reconnaissance in force along MODER RIVER.
- b. To attack in division strength in attempt to force a crossing of the MODER RIVER.

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IPW Annex (Cont'd)

II Bn - combat strength 95 Men  
5th Co - " " 15  
6th Co - " " 40  
7th Co - " " 10 (Existence doubtful)  
8th Co - " " 30  
III Bn Believed not to exist  
13th Co Inf How about 30 men  
14th Co AT " 30 "

PWs are not certain about the exact composition and weapons of any one of these companies listed. Co's have from 1 to 2 plat 2 to 3 LIGs per plat. 13th Co has some LIGs or SIGs. 14th Co, 3 75mm AT guns, 9 "Offenrohre", and a few 50mm mortars. The 4th and 8th Cos has 6 SMGs and 3 120 mm mortars each at RITTERS-HOFFEN.

8. Composition

- 1 PW who was a messenger of 6th Co saw the entire 103rd VGR pass by on road before reaching ESCHBACH on 22 Jan, in this order:
- 7-8 tanks - Panther, Mk V
- 2-3 Assault guns SP (105mm?)
- 6 88mm AA/AT guns SP, with frontal armor.
- 1 AT destroyer plat on pers carrier consisting of driver and 15 men armed with large Panzerfaust and Offenrohre (rocket launchers).
- Staff cars, Volks-wagen, and motorcycle messengers.
- 1 Bn Inf of approx 150-200 men
- 1 Btry (med arty) 150mm Inf How - 3 pieces horsedrawn.
- Trains, horsedrawn
- Plat mtzd AT guns - 3 75mm AT guns (mtzd)
- 3 210mm How SP
- 1 Bn of approx 150 Inf, 7 trains.

9. Personalities

The messenger PW of 6th Co had a complete list of names on his person, from which the following were extracted:

CG 47 VG Div	- Maj Gen (Gen Lt) BORK
CG 103rd VGR	- Lt Col Leier
1st Adj	- 1st Lt Klein
2nd "	- Lt Madiska
CO II Bn/103rd VGR	- Capt Schoenlau
Adjutant	- Lt Deventer
5th Co	- 1st Lt Makusch
6th Co	- Lt Kersting
7th Co	- Lt Reichel

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

Studied Insult

Prisoner from 18th VG Div states that his unit answers daily roll call by giving the current First US Army passwords. (1st Div)

A Rose for OB Experts

The following statement was made by an officer PW at First US Army PW Cage: "Before you start asking me any questions, I want to tell you that I recently inspected your OB book on the German Army organization which we captured in the vicinity of BASTOGNE. You know more about our army than we know ourselves; in the whole of GERMANY there exists no such comprehensive book on our army. I am not going to give you any more information." (Comment: PW turned out to be one of the most valuable yet captured.) (1st Div)

Back Rogers Warfare

From a Second British Army report 13 Jan: "Today we had one small enemy counterattack involving two midget submarines and no infantry. Our artillery claims one destroyed, one damaged; location of attack NIJMEGEN." (1st Div)

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SIGNIFICANT ORDER OF BATTLE FACTS IN THE WEST - WEEK 15 - 22 JANUARY 1945

1. WESTERN FRONT

a. General

The past week of continued defensive fighting and withdrawing by the enemy in the ARDENNES bulge was highlighted by the following significant Order of Battle Facts:

- (1) The committal of his last mobile reserves (10 SS, 11 Pz Divs).
- (2) Withdrawal from the ARDENNES of some of the battered Panzers.
- (3) Failure for the second consecutive week to commit any new infantry in the WEST.
- (4) Continued indications that the enemy is seeking to retain the initiative by offensive efforts South of the MOSELLE.

b. Mobile Reserve

During the week the enemy committed the last of his mobile reserves in the WEST. On Jan 18, 11 Pz Div was identified by XX US Corps in the SAAR - MOSELLE triangle, and on 19 Jan, 10 SS Pz Div was reported in contact by VI US Corps in the BISCHWILLER salient. The employment of these two rested and (presumably) refitted Panzers exhausted the enemy's stock of known mobile reserves in the WEST. All he now has left are the battered Panzers being salvaged from the ARDENNES bulge. Obviously, they are not a very formidable force. The enemy has the capability of employing them at an early date elsewhere in an effort to retain the initiative in the WEST. But, on the basis of the refurbishing capacities he displayed last Fall, it would require at least two months to restore these units to strong offensive power again.

As of this date, four Panzer divisions are reported out of contact in the ARDENNES (116, 1 SS, 2 SS, 3 Pz Gren). Others also may have been withdrawn into GERMANY, but left behind a battlegroup to bolster the crumbling Infantry defending and delaying in the bulge. This appears to be the case with 12 SS, out of contact for a number of days but reidentified at the close of the period in the ST VITH sector by XVIII US Airborne Corps. 12 SS is estimated as the strongest of the ARDENNES Panzers with about 50 percent of its combat effectiveness still intact. Because of this factor it may have contributed some of its Infantry, while its Panzer elements are being reorganized East of the SIEGFRIED LINE.

c. Infantry Reserves

For the second consecutive week no new Infantry was committed in the WEST and for the third consecutive week no Infantry appeared in the ARDENNES. The explanation appears to be in one of the two indicated reasons. Either he doesn't have the Infantry, or his commitments on other fronts are too urgent to give his needs in the WEST priority consideration. In the WEST he has the massive fortifications of the SIEGFRIED LINE to implement his strategy of selling space for time. He used these fortifications to effective advantage for this and last fall and he will undoubtedly try to do so again if he has to. On the basis of reports of developments in the EAST, the enemy is in need of every ounce of his strength that he can muster to prevent complete destruction there.

d. Initiative S of MOSELLE

With the ARDENNES offensive written off as a costly gamble, the enemy's aggressive operations in the SAARBRÜCKEN and HAGUENAU areas appear to be aimed at retaining the initiative, or at the semblance of that. By the combination of offensive thrusts in these sections and defending and delaying behind the SIEGFRIED LINE in the N, the enemy apparently hopes to contain the WEST while concentrating all his resources on averting collapse in the EAST. The enemy has the capability, aided by favorable terrain and other tactical factors, of continuing his offensive efforts S of the MOSELLE, but indications are still lacking that he can press such operations very far.

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MAPS: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: North of MODER RIVER from Q942274 to R098192 except for bridgehead area - 974260 - 970252 - 985245 - 992249.
- b. Units in Contact: 2nd and 3rd Bn's, 21st PGR and 2nd Bn, 22nd PGR of 10th SS Div; 1st and 3rd Bn's, 21st Para Regt of 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 35th PGR and 2nd Bn, 119th PGR of 25th Pz Gren Div; 103rd and 104th Regt's of 47th VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: Elements of 4 enemy divisions made crossings over the MODER RIVER after midnight. The two points of crossing were between NEUBURG (9526) and SCHWEIGHAUSEN (0024) and between HAGUENAU and KALTENHOUSE (0721). By the end of the period the enemy had learned that these crossings were not only extremely costly but that only one could be maintained. The bridgehead Southeast of HAGUENAU was eliminated during the afternoon by the 242nd Inf with over 100 PWs taken and an estimated equal number killed. The last strongpoint of the 10th SS Div was vic 065230 where infantry and supporting tanks inflicted particularly heavy casualties on the enemy. The bridgehead West of SCHWEIGHAUSEN was established by elements of the 7th Para Div, 25th Pz Gren Div and 47th VG Div in the 222nd Inf sector and quickly penetrated the town and to a depth of one kilometer in the BOIS D'OHLUNGEN. In this bridgehead the Germans crossed by using foot bridges while in the temporary bridgehead Southeast of HAGUENAU assault boats were used. The western portion of the BOIS D'OHLUNGEN was cleared during the morning but in the eastern portion and in SCHWEIGHAUSEN the enemy resisted stiffly until late in the afternoon. SCHWEIGHAUSEN was reported clear at 1830 hrs. An estimated 200 PWs were captured during the day in the bridgehead and 500 more Germans are believed to have been killed or wounded. Infantry in the NEUBURG area supported by the 813th TD Rcn Co held the enemy back during the night and the Germans retaliated with heavy concentrations of mortar and arty fire during the day. Ten enemy tanks were reported vic 973260 at 2000 hrs and remained in the vicinity after being fired on by our arty. The 312th FA Bn knocked out an enemy gun at 0480-2543.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 166
- b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 5
- c. Total PWs to date: 22,113
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's and SCHIND-RATZHEIM.
- e. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- f. Distinctive Marking of Aircraft: By Jan. 25 all aircraft of XII TAC will bear distinctive marking as follows:
  - a. P-51C (Photo) - Propeller spinner assemblies and fuselage nose structure section will be painted insignia red.
  - b. P-51D (Photo) - Propeller spinner assembly will be painted insignia red.
  - c. P-47 - Propeller dome and engine ring cowl (approx 14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
  - d. Beaufighters - Propeller dome and forward engine cowling (14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
  - e. Miscellaneous aircraft (B-25, A-20, UC-78, etc.) - Propeller spinners or domes, and engine ring cowl will be painted insignia red. (SUSA)
  - f. Troops are advised concerning the possible appearance of Russian C-47 aircraft bearing white numbers on the sides of the fin, carrying a red star with white edging on the underside of wings and both sides of fuselage and camouflaged dark grey and green.

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c. The 1st Bn, 103 VG Regt had approx strength of 250-275 before the atk on NEUBOURG. 57 were made PWs and they estimated 90-100 were casualties. Bn's mission was to atk and take NEUBOURG from the N and NE and to clear the wooded area immediately E of the village, thereby establishing the bridgehead for other units to come across. Boundary of the 103 Regt was a line running N-S through NEUBOURG with the 103 on the E and the 104 on the W. The river crossing was made with planks hastily thrown across the river E and W of NEUBOURG.

d. PW of the 2nd Btry, 25 Arty Regt was a radioman in a fwd OP. Radio was destroyed by a mortar shell and PW lost his direction and was taken as he wandered into American positions. The regt has 2 bn's, one light and one med. The 1st Bn has 4 btrys of 3-105mm hows each and the 2nd Bn has 3 Btrys of 150mm How each. PW has not seen any of his btry's guns in firing positions since they were N of HATTEN.

e. The Bicycle Co, 7 Para Div is the rcn unit of the div. They were used as inf in support of 3rd Bn, 21 Para Regt in atk on SCHWEIGHAUSEN from N and NW. They crossed the river at approx the 99 northing. The co reached the northern outskirts of SCHWEIGHAUSEN and rec'd hvy crossfire from MGs and were forced to withdraw into the forest N of the river. The 3rd Bn, 21 Para Regt had approx 400-450 men whose objective was SCHWEIGHAUSEN, thus establishing a bridgehead. PW of 12th Co was a member of HMG squad in support of 10th Co. Casualties were hvy and PW counted 15 dead or wounded and last saw remainder of bn heading into woods N of the river in disorder.

f. PW of 1st Co, 119 PGR stated he was a member of a squad of the co whose mission was to secure the rd from NEUBOURG N into the forest. He does not believe any of the bn's other units crossed the river. Entire squad with security were either captured or killed. PW estimated co strength at 65 men.

g. The 21 and 22 SS Regt's atked with 2 bn's each along the river between KALTENHAUSEN and HAGUENAU. The 2nd and 3rd Bn's, 21 Regt, atked W of KALTENHAUSEN with the mission of taking high ground vic Hill 150 (060222); the 3rd Bn, 21 Regt, was used to accomplish this mission. The 2nd Bn was to cross the river W of Hill 150 and turn W and atk HAGUENAU from E, joining forces with 1st and 2nd Bn's, 22 Regt. All atks were beaten off and, according to the PWs, with hvy casualties. The 1st Bn, 22 Regt, attempted to cross the river just W of the outskirts of HAGUENAU. PWs say Bn now has a remaining strength of 120 men and that the 3rd Co was either captured, killed or wounded. All river crossings were made with rubber assault boats. The 5th Co, 22 Regt, was dissolved two days ago and incorporated into the 7th Co which had a strength of 90-100 men before the atk. PWs state co was destroyed to a man.

3. Morale: In general, low with the exception of the units of 7 Para Div. PWs attribute low morale to the poor tactical situation in the E.

4. Supply: Generally good, with the exception of the winter clothing of the 47 VG Div. Food generally adequate and one hot meal a day was usually served. Ammo supply was very good.

5. Enemy Installations: 13-105mm hows in firing position in orchard opposite church in SESSENHEIM at 13492241.  
 Ponton bridge across RHINE vic 198177.

6. Miscellaneous: Approx 250 repl have been rec'd by 22 Regt in the past 3 days. PWs state that civilian information reported we only occupied parts of HAGUENAU and there only lightly.

EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST DETAILED INTERROGATION OF SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (COL) HANS LINGER, CO, 17 SS PZ GREN DIV

LINGER, Hans, SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (Col), Commander of 17 SS Pz Gren Div "GOETZ VON BERLICHINGEN", and a General Staff Officer. A 29-year old arrogant product of Nazism who at first refused to talk to anybody with rank less than colonel, and even then refused to reveal any information of a military nature. He changed.

Source emphasized the fact that he had served mainly in the field and that he was not very familiar with the organization of higher units, personalities, or German army policies. The information that follows was given quite freely and the interrogating officer believes that LINGER has told, substantially, the truth, as far as he has gone.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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FROM: 252200 Jan 45  
TO : 262200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
262400 January 1945

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Maps: No change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: North of MODER RIVER from Q942274 to R098192.
- b. Units in Contact: Elements of 7th Para Div; 10th SS Pz Div, 25th Pz Gren Div and 47th VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: The enemy, evidently deciding that the bridgehead was proving much too costly, withdrew North of the MODER RIVER during darkness leaving approximately 300 dead behind. Tracked vehicle movement was heard in OBERHOFFEN (0920) at 0045 hrs and more vehicles were heard moving from CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN in a northwesterly direction. The eastern part of BISCHWILLER received some mortar and arty fire during the night while HAGUENAU, OHLUNGEN (9723) and UHLWILLER (9524) were shelled lightly. The MLR west of SCHWEIGHAUSEN was reestablished in the morning with only light MG fire received from North of the River. Considerable traffic was reported moving east towards SCHIRRHHEIM (1222) at 0715 hrs and our arty placed interdiction fire on the road. In the afternoon small groups of enemy and a few vehicles were seen in the vicinity of METZGER (025249). A 20 man patrol via 010246 was dispersed by our small arms and arty fire. Eight vehicles and an estimated company of infantry were taken under arty fire at 0244-2489 at 1505 hrs. Heavy two way traffic was reported between OBERHOFFEN and SCHIRRHHEIM in the afternoon. Enemy vehicular and infantry activity in MERTZWILLER (9629) was fired on by our arty and hit by friendly fighter-bomber planes.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 111
- b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 23
- c. Total PWs to date: 22,247
- d. 3 enemy vehicles and one gun destroyed during the period. Co "A", 813th TD Bn knocked out 3 vehicles and several enemy at 030246 at 1505 hrs, and the 310th FA Bn knocked out the gun.
- e. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt and SCHWINDRATZHEIM.
- f. VI Corps ISUM as of 261800: Enemy activity continues light with no arty fire being reported and no contact on either flank. Principle activity was in 103rd Div sector where snipers were reported in BISCHHOLTZ (Q8532), unknown number of enemy active in MULHAUSEN (Q8631) and small arms fire reported from NIEFFERN (Q8729).

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To patrol and reconnoiter the MODER RIVER.
- b. To attempt to force a crossing of the MODER RIVER in division strength.

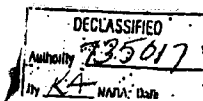
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CONSOLIDATED IPW ANNEX TO G-2 REPORT NO. 200

1. Unit Identification

Unit	PWs	Place	Captured	Date
1st Co, 22 SS Regt, 10 SS Div	7	063229	242 Inf	25 Jan
2nd Co, " "	6	"	"	"
3rd Co, " "	24	"	"	"
Bicycle Co, 7th Para Div	22	W SCHWEIGHAUSEN	4-222 Inf	"
3rd Bn Hq, 21 Para Regt, 7 Para	5	"	18-14 Armd Div	"
			3-222 Inf	"
1st Co, 20th Para Regt	1	SCHWEIGHAUSEN	2-14 Armd Div	"
2nd Co, " "	6	W	222 Inf	"
3rd Co, " "	2	"	14 Armd Div	"
4th Co, " "	1	"	222 Inf	"
9th Co, " "	4	"	14 Armd Div	"
11th Co, " "	2	"	"	"
12th Co, " "	2	"	"	"
9th Co, 21st Para Regt	6	"	"	"
10th Co, " "	5	"	"	"
12th Co, " "	15	"	3-222 Inf	"
1st Co, 103rd VGR, 47th VG Div	2	NEUBOURG	12-14 Armd Div	"
			222 Inf	"

2. Deserter PWs in Civilian Clothes Apprehended by 79th CIC Detachment

Unit	PWs	Last Unit Location	Date
3rd Co, 260th Inf Repl Tng Bn	1	PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA	18 Nov
TOTAL PWS PROCESSED	111		

3. Unit Organization, Strength and Disposition

PWs of 3rd Bn Hq, 21st Para Regt were captured in northern outskirts of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. PWs were part of a group of communication personnel assigned mission of accompanying the 3rd Bn to maintain radio communication with Regimental CP during the attack on SCHWEIGHAUSEN. PW states that he was ordered to call several times for reinforcements to hold town, but none ever came. Shortly after the Americans counterattacked, the town was overrun by the Americans and PW destroyed SOI but did not have time to demolish the radio which he said fell in our hands intact. The Bn was in constant contact with the Regimental CP by radio, and negative reports were required to be submitted every 15 minutes. (Report made as follows: QRX-QRU, followed by time, which means all well, any orders. Messages sent on wavelength of 3200 "Grad 32"). PW states that there was insufficient wire to install telephone communications. The entire Bn made the attack on SCHWEIGHAUSEN on the morning of 25 Jan, after the first attack the previous night had failed. Assembly area for first attack was the forest at 985277, assembly area for second attack on forest at 985253. Mission and objective of the attack was to take the high ground north and northwest of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, and also the town itself, thus establishing a bridgehead across the MODER RIVER. The strength of the Bn before the attack was approx 300-400 men. The MODER RIVER was crossed by merely throwing planks across it. Shortly before the leading elements approached the northern end of the town, they were greeted by a terrific crossfire of small arms and heavy arty and mortar concentrations. PW states that the Bn was literally "mowed down" and that dead and wounded littered the entire northern part of the town. PW estimates as to casualties vary from 50-75%, but all agree that very few men made their way back across the MODER into the forest north of the RIVER. What was left of the Bn fled in wild disorder.

The 1st Co, 20th Para Regt was previously engaged in HATTEN. The entire regt was relieved by the 103rd and 104th VG Regts, 47th VG Div, which moved into NIEDER-RODERN, SELTZ, NEUHAUSEL and then into FORT LOUIS. The Regt then spent some time in DALHUNDEN after which it moved through SESSENHEIM and SCHIRRHHEIM to assembly area in forest vic of 98552700 where they stayed for two days prior to the attack. The entire Bn was in the above assembly area. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Co's were called out yesterday to secure the east flank of a Pz Gr Unit which was to attack the town of UHLWILLER. The 3rd Co was on the right flank of the Bn and was in position at edge of forest vic 980253, the 2nd Co was to be left flank of the Bn in position SE corner of forest vic 965246 and the 1st Co was in the center. 1st Co was never able to accomplish its mission and was virtually destroyed in the attempt. All three companies suffered heavy losses when the attack on UHLWILLER failed to materialize, and the unit had two exposed flanks. Casualties were caused by mortar, MG and tank fire. PW of the 3rd Co states that 70 men of the company were lost in HATTEN-RITTERSCHOFEN sector, and that approx 45 were lost in yesterdays attack.

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FROM: 262200 Jan 45  
TO : 272200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
272400 January 1945

No: 201

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: North of the MODER RIVER from R005246 to R098192.
- b. Units in Contact: There was no contact, however there was no indication that the 7th Para Div, 25th Pz Gren Div, 47th VG Div and the 10th SS Pz Div do not continue to confront our sector.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary: The Division's sector was generally quiet throughout the entire period with the enemy showing no signs of aggressiveness. Enemy artillery and mortar fire was light with only a few rounds received, which fell in the vicinity of KALTENHOUSE (0721), BISCHMILLER (0819) and the 242nd Infantry sector. One patrol of the 242nd Inf went to the factory area at 06452295, which was formerly occupied by the enemy, and found it empty. A 20 man enemy patrol was seen in the vicinity of 04152480 during the night. Our artillery fired on them causing rapid dispersment to the nearby cemetery area. At 1000 hrs, five vehicles were seen in the vicinity of SCHIRHOFFEN (1322), entering the town from a westerly direction. During the afternoon small arms fire was heard in the vicinity of 073224 and two enemy in same area were fired on by our outpost. An occasional enemy was seen in North and Northeast HAGENA (0424) during the afternoon. At 1840 hrs, horse drawn vehicles were heard in the vicinity of CLAUSENHOF (0124). Commencing at 1855 hrs and for a two hour period truck movement was heard on the road from SCHIRHOFFEN (1322) to OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER (0919) to CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (0821), and at 2000 hrs tracked vehicles were heard moving east from the camp. Twelve enemy were seen entering a house in the vicinity of 041248 at 2030 hrs. Enemy tanks were heard in the vicinity of 072224 and enemy activity in the woods vic 071226 at 2055 hrs.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PW: 1
- b. Total PWs to date: 22,248
- c. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, P. Enclosure, Inf Regts and SCHIND-RATZHEIM.
- e. VI Corps ISUM as of 271800: 103rd Inf Div: My inactive along Division front during period except in vic ROTHEACH where brief S/A fire fight flared up early in period. 1 rd hvy arty, believed 280mm, received in PFAFFENHOFFEN at 1600 hrs. 101st A/B Div: approx 30 rds very light caliber high velocity arty fired into DABENDORF (9825). 1 tank KO'd by TD vicinity 002258. 36th Inf Div: My continues quiet with no inf contact reported. Shelling light with only 12 rds light cal and 2 rds hvy cal vic OP at R056158. One wounded PW from 2nd Co, 192nd IGH, 21 Pz Div captured vic 098186, was part of a patrol to reconnoiter bridge at R103184. 45th Inf Div: Arty engaged small ey group vic 081903764, killing minimum of 5, and another group of 3 vic 825374. Mortars vic 815378 and personnel digging at same location also engaged; results unknown. Light cal mortar fire received in 274th Inf sector from 811358 to 814359.
- f. Weather Forecast: 28 Jan: Scattered to broken low clouds becoming overcast after 1800 with snow after 2100. Visibility 1/2 mile at dawn in fog improving to 2-3 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 14°.
- 29 Jan: Overcast low clouds with snow showers and rain showers mixed. Visibility 1-2 miles in morning, 5-6 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 28°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To patrol and reconnoiter the MODER RIVER.
- b. To attempt to force a crossing of the MODER RIVER in division strength.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 212200 Jan 45  
TO : 262200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
282400 January 1945

No. 202

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- Enemy Front Lines: North of the MODER RIVER from R005240 to R098192.
- Units in Contact: Patrol contact only.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: During the early hours of the period the Division's sector was quiet. Fires in the CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (0821) area burned brightly following a successful shoot by our artillery. One large explosion within the area of the camp was heard during the shelling. A patrol of the 315th Infantry drew machine gun and small arms fire from the vicinity of 098193. At 0130 hrs enemy activity was heard in the vicinity of 085210. A 315th Infantry patrol reported that the bridges at 06082098, 08152090 and 07302110 remain in a state of unrepair. During the daylight hours the enemy was more active in the North and Northeast part of HAGUENAU with an occasional vehicle and enemy being seen by our OPs. A few rounds of nebelwerfer fire were received in the vicinity of BISCHWILLER, and the 315th Infantry sector received several rounds of direct fire. During the afternoon, the 313th Infantry sector received a number of rounds of heavy enemy mortar fire. One truck and eight enemy were seen in the vicinity of 074220 at 1430 hrs. A four man enemy patrol was taken under fire by a 313th Infantry outpost with a score of 100%. Twenty rounds of artillery landed in the vicinity of 04752370 between 1720 and 1750 hrs. An artillery OP observed a direct hit on nine enemy digging in the vicinity of 05402418 at 1630 hrs. Occasionally one and two enemy were seen in the OBERHOFFEN (0919) area. One enemy tank and infantry in the vicinity of 085210 at 1930 hrs were dispersed by our artillery fire. Some vehicular traffic moving west from 105209 was reported near the end of the period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PM: 2
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 22,251
- No enemy tanks were destroyed during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts and SCHWINDRATZHEIM.
- VI Corps ISUM as of 281000: 36th Inf Div: Period was marked by an increase in enemy arty fire. About 200 rounds of 75 and 105 cal were reported received vic BISCHWILLER at approx 1600 hrs. Some nebelwerfer fire was reported received in HANHOFFEN area at the same time. 4 MC nebelwerfers were reported moving N vic R1216. 101st A/B Div: Sporadic artillery and mortar fire. 1 PW from 7th Para Div vicinity 09626. 102nd Inf Div: No change in ey attitude. 3 rds 50mm mortar received at 0855320 at 1358 hrs. 10 rds 105mm received at 0928-278 at 1500 hrs. Unknown number of mortar fire received at 0888281 coming from BITSCHHOFFEN at 1630 hrs. 42th Inf Div: No ey contact reported. Light scattered arty fire, possibly from SP guns, received in E part of sector.
- Weather Forecast: 29 Jan: Light snow showers in morning decreasing in afternoon. Scattered to broken low clouds throughout day. Visibility 1/2 mile in morning becoming 4 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 14°. 30 Jan: Continued snow becoming intermittent after midmorning. Low overcast in morning with few breaks in afternoon. Visibility 0-1/2 mile due to snow, improving to 6 miles after 1100 hrs. Min Temp: 20°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

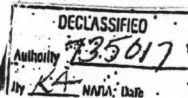
- Ip patrol and reconnoiter the MODER RIVER.
- To make local counterattack to attempt crossing of the MODER RIVER.

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FROM: 282200 Jan 45  
TO : 292200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
292400 January 1945

No. 203

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: North of the MODER RIVER from R005240 to R098192.
- b. Units in Contact: Patrol contact only.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: The enemy showed very little activity during the early hours of the period. Sporadic artillery was received along the Division's front and occasional vehicular traffic was heard on the road from SCHIRRHOFEN (1322) to OBERHOFFEN (0919) to CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN (0821) between 0100 and 0600 hrs. 315th Infantry early morning patrols located enemy outposts at 088205 and 091203. Enemy activity in North and Northeast HAGUENAU (0424) continued with occasional vehicles and personnel being seen during the day. Fifty enemy were observed moving from 056253 to 040254 in groups of 5 and 6 pulling sleds, at 0815 hrs. Several enemy were seen in the vicinity of HUNDSHOF (0326) and 054-243 at 1100 hrs. Some heavy caliber artillery was received in the 313th Infantry sector and in the center of HAGUENAU during the early afternoon. Thirty five enemy were observed at 1300 hrs running from 064238 north to the woods. Our artillery fired on an enemy machine gun at 05262432 with good results at 1325 hrs. Enemy appeared to be laying wire in the vicinity of METZGER (0224) at 1400 hrs. Fifteen enemy in the vicinity of 08352240 were effectively taken under fire by artillery at 1700 hrs. An American jeep was seen in the vicinity of 050263 this afternoon. Late in the day six enemy were seen to move an artillery piece into position at 054254 and to fire into HAGUENAU. They and the gun were promptly put out of action by our artillery. A 313th Infantry patrol received heavy machine gun fire from a house at 021244 after killing two enemy guards and possibly wounding a third at 2030 hrs. Near the close of the period slight vehicular traffic was heard in the vicinity of 060240.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 4.
- b. Total PWs to date: 22,255
- c. No enemy tanks were destroyed during the period.
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts and SCHWINDRATZHEIM.
- e. VI Corps ISUM as of 291800: 45th Inf Div: Isy remains quiet and un-aggressive, arty fires light and scattered. 36th Inf Div: About 60 rds Lt cal fire were reported received vic R080153 at outset of period and 2 M10's flew NW over KURTZENHAUSEN (R0515) at 1430 hrs. Hwy two-way traffic was reported on HERLISHEIM-DRUSENHEIM road during the afternoon and a large number of vehicles were reported by VI Corps Arty, lined up on both sides of RHINE vic DRUSENHEIM at 1530 hrs. 101st A/B Div: Very quiet all day. 103rd Inf Div: Isy continues defensively alert in Division sector during period. Contact by fire maintained in ROTHBACH sector, while snipers in BITSCHHOFFEN harassed our forward positions.
- f. Weather Forecast: 30 Jan: No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 4 miles at dawn improving to 6-7 miles after 1000. Min Temp: 10°.
- 31 Jan: No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 2 miles at dawn improving to 3-4 miles after 1000 hrs. Min Temp: 10°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. To patrol and reconnoiter the MODER RIVER.
- b. To make local counterattack to attempt a crossing of the MODER RIVER.

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Valley locations, in general, receive less than 2 inches. New Briesach has a mean of 1.2 inches and all points in the Rhine Valley floor and the Alsatian plain have less than 1.6 inches. The Vosges and Black Forest show almost double and triple the rainfall of the valleys.

Snow cover reaches its maximum depth in late February. It is entirely dependent on altitude. At Strasbourg the average February snowfall amounts to only .8 inch and the greatest depth ever measured on the ground was 5.9 inches. Mountain stations in the Vosges report considerably greater depths. Feldberg in the Black Forest has an average February fall of 60 inches and a mean snowcover of 103 inches. Snow will measure somewhat deeper on the western slopes than on the eastern slopes. In the mountain passes of the Vosges and the Black Forest snow drifts may form a serious obstacle to the movement of military traffic.

4. Cloudiness and Moisture

Cloud cover in the Rhine Valley, though less than in January, continues to be considerable. Karlsruhe at 0500 hrs has overcast conditions 57% of the mornings. The figure falls to 47% by noon and to 48.5% by 1900. Thus, the sky may be expected to be overcast 50% of the time. Clear skies will prevail 20-25% of the time in Karlsruhe. Similar conditions are found over much of the area, with mountain locations in the Vosges and Black Forest reporting slightly higher percentage of cloudiness.

Relative humidity is high. Southwesterly winds predominate and this brings moisture laden winds from the Atlantic. Strasbourg shows an average morning relative humidity of 88% and a noon figure of 70%. These high figures prevent rapid drying, though occasionally this regime is broken when cold dry winds sweep out of Russia and bring spells of very dry conditions.

5 Visibility

Visibility in the Rhine Valley is generally poor throughout February. Obstructions to vision in the form of precipitation, smoke, haze, or fog are present most of the time. At Karlsruhe visibility is better than 6 miles at 0800 hrs only 27% of the time and is below 2 1/2 miles 51%. There is a marked diurnal improvement in the morning hours, as over 54% of the noon observations show better than 6 miles. After sunset a rapid deterioration sets in. Often periods of very poor visibility tend to persist for several days. A haze layer settles near the ground, obscuring both horizontal and vertical sight. Sometime however, the plateau regions W of the Vosges and East of the Black Forest are not affected by this haze layer which tends to settle over the Rhine Valley.

6. Wind

The prevailing wind over the entire area is southwest. This flow is emphasized by the contours of the Rhine Valley tending N and S. 41% of all wind observations at Karlsruhe are from the SW and Strasbourg shows 43% from the S and SW. The second most frequent direction at Karlsruhe is NE with 20%, while Strasbourg tends to N and NW with 24%. All other directions occur less than 10%. Calms exist at Karlsruhe 8.2% and at Strasbourg 15% of the observations. Wind speed is low. A general average of 7-8 miles per hour prevail over the entire area. Gales (over 32 mph) are seldom experienced, probably less than once a month.

Wind direction -	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calms
Strasbourg (%)	11	4	2	2	12	31	10	15	15

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLES FOR FEBRUARY 1945  
Strasbourg 48 35N 07 45E 500 Ft

Feb	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase	Feb	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	0758	1728	2150	1006	Full	15	0736	1752	0921	2130	
2	0757	1730	2253	1030		16	0734	1753	0947	2250	
3	0753	1731	2356	1050		17	0732	1755	1013		
4	0754	1733		1111	Last Qtr	18	0730	1756	1040		
5	0753	1734	0059	1129		19	0728	1758	1111	0008	First
6	0752	1736	0205	1159		20	0727	1759	1148	0126	
7	0750	1738	0510	1231		21	0726	1801	1231	0239	
8	0748	1740	0416	1300		22	0724	1803	1321	0347	
9	0746	1741	0519	1359		23	0722	1804	1419	0448	
10	0743	1743	0617	1459		24	0721	1806	1520	0540	
11	0743	1744	0707	1610	New Moon	25	0719	1808	1625	0623	
12	0741	1746	0747	1731		26	0717	1809	1730	0639	
13	0740	1748	0826	1848		27	0715	1811	1835	0710	New moon
14	0738	1750	0853	2010		28	0713	1812	1939	0752	
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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 292200 Jan 45  
TO : 302200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
302400 January 1945

No. 204

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- Enemy Front Lines: North of the MODER RIVER from HQ05246 to HQ98192.
- Units in Contact: Patrol contact only.
- Order of Battle: 361 VG Div. Accumulating evidence points to the complete cannibalization of the 361 VG Div. Recent transfusions have reduced the 361 VG Div to a shadow and it can be written off of our Order of Battle inventory as a force capable of intervention. (VI Corps)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- General Summary: During the night our patrols were active across the MODER RIVER. A 313th Inf patrol received small arms fire from vic Q33245 and heavy MG fire from buildings at Q3052440 at 0130 hrs. A 315th Inf patrol went to the RR junction at Q85212 and the factory North of it without enemy interference. Vehicular traffic was reported between SCHIRHEIM (1222) and OBERHOFFEN (0920) and SCHIRHEIM and CAMP D'OBERHOFFEN. The 3rd Bn, 313th Inf received 60 rounds of mortar fire between 0215 and 0315 hrs and one enemy tank fired into HAGUENAU during darkness. Enemy activity during the day was again restricted although 50 Germans who were observed assembling at 041212 at 1410 hrs were dispersed by our arty fire. Seven enemy were seen digging in vic Q22246 at 1605 hrs and sniper fire was received from Q20246. Light arty fell in BISCHWILLER, KALTENHOUSE and MARIENTHAL and shelling in HAGUENAU increased at 1700 hrs. A patrol of the 313th Inf to STANGEN FARM (Q52241) at 2000 hrs reported 3 enemy outposts in the vicinity protected by a high galvanized iron fence. An enemy patrol vic Q45245 engaged in a fire fight with the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf at 2010 hrs.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs during period: 0
- Total PWs to date: 22, 255
- No enemy tanks destroyed during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div Ctr, Pw Enclosure, Inf Regts, and SCHWINDRATZHEIM.
- VI Corps LSUM as of 301800: Small enemy groups observed moving vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631), NIEFFERN (Q8749) and moving south into HERRLISHEIM (R1214). No enemy encountered but many mines and booby traps found by patrol to HQ94146 and HQ0133. 3 tanks seen at Q970268 at 1720 hrs. Enemy fired propaganda leaflets into sector of 101st A/B Div.
- Pilots and air crews crash-landed in 6th Army Group area must not be assumed to be Allied Air Forces personnel without positive identification. Such personnel will be taken to the nearest S-2 or G-2 for preliminary interrogation and forwarded to nearest air force headquarters for identification and detailed interrogation by the A-2 of that headquarters. (own Army Group)
- Weather Forecast: 31 Jan: Scattered to broken cloudiness. Light rain showers during afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles, slight fog and haze in morning. 3-5 miles in afternoon. Minimum Temperature: 19°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- To patrol the MODER RIVER.
- To continue defense of the MODER RIVER.
- To make a local attack across the MODER RIVER.

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TO : 312200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
312400 January 1945

No. 205

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: North of MODER RIVER from R095246 to R098192.
- b. Units in Contact: Patrol contact only.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary: Our patrols were active across the MODER RIVER during the night. 313th Inf patrol engaged an enemy patrol in a firefight in the vic of 045245 at 0100 hrs and the same patrol found the farm at 052241 outposted by the enemy. Also in the early hours of the period, sporadic artillery was received in 313th Inf sector, and a direct fire weapon was reported firing into the northern part of HAGUENAU (0424) at 0100 hrs. KALTENHOUSE (0721) received several rounds of enemy mortar fire and fifteen rounds of direct fire from the East at 0900 hrs. Our artillery placed time fire on an estimated company of enemy and several vehicles in the vic of 053263 at 1100 hrs with good results. Six enemy were reported digging in in the vic of 128221 at 1205 hrs. Some enemy traffic moving both East and West on the road between SESSENHEIM (1821) and SCHIRRHOFEN (1322) was frequently observed throughout the afternoon. At 1220 hrs, 20 enemy were reported digging in the vic of 12352190. They were promptly dispersed by our artillery. Several enemy vehicles were reported moving from 06442585 toward HAGUENAU at 1335 hrs. enemy 150mm artillery was received in the 313th Inf sector at the rate of one round per minute between 1445 and 1515 hrs and again repeated its harassing 30 minute period at 1730 hrs. An enemy outpost was observed in the vic of 137224. 315th Inf observers reported an enemy gun position at 096208 and that our artillery made a direct hit on an enemy howitzer in the vic of 09072040. An enemy mortar was located in the vic of 03952645 at 1945 hrs.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. PWS during period: 0
- b. Total PWS to date: 22,255
- c. No enemy tanks destroyed during period.
- d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's and SCHNID-RATZHEIM.
- e. VI Corps ISUM as of 311800: 36th Div: No inf or arty activity reported. 3rd DIA Cub saw many enemy in OFFENDORF (1312) and occupied entrenchments to S and Sh of town. Patrols draw fire from 104122, had firefight at 093135 and drew fire from 124108. Captured 7 PWS at 0914 from 10th Co, 2nd SS Police Regt. 101st A/B Div: Little enemy activity throughout the day. 103rd Div: Very quiet all along Div zone. 45th Div: Small group of enemy reported active vic 757408 and 763406. Enemy generally quiet in remainder of sector. Estimated 125 rounds mixed 75mm and 105mm received from 1320 to 1345 in vic WILDENGUTH.
- f. Surface painted white with red, white, blue and yellow roundels in usual positions will be the markings on the BRITISH METEOR jet-propelled aircraft.
- g. Recent interrogations of officer PWS indicate that the enemy is collecting an unusual amount of combat intelligence from American PWS through interrogation, personal and official documents, marked photos and maps. It is imperative that additional instructions be given troops, particularly new reinforcements, in safeguarding of vital military information. (SUSA)
- h. Weather forecast: 1 Feb: Overcast low clouds with some breaks in afternoon. Visibility 1/2 to 1 mile until 1100A due to fog and precipitation, improving to 3-4 miles thereafter. Rain or sleet until 1500A. min temp: 30 degrees.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. To patrol the MODER RIVER.
- b. To continue defense of the MODER RIVER.

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Q-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 052200 Jan 45  
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By 79th Inf Div  
In the field  
062400 January 1945

**CLASSIFICATION**  
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No. 180

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD
- a. Enemy Front Lines: On northern front, enemy occupies MUIDSELT (1543), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), DEBERSEEBACH (1540) and north of STUNDWILLER (1836). In bridgehead area enemy still holds S of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HORNLEISEN (1121), OFTENDORF (1112) and GAMBESHEIM (1110).
  - b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Ren Bn; battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div; KG VON LOEWEN.
  - c. Reserves and other Forces Capable of Intervention: The remainder of the 21st Pz Div can be expected to follow its Ren Bn to the KESSELBOURG area. The 245th VG Div, out of contact for the past few days, is a likely infantry division candidate to accompany the 21st Pz Div to this area.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD
- a. General Summary: During the night a 14 man enemy patrol probed STATTMATTEN (1921) and at 0500 hrs elements of a Company of the 232nd Inf were reported surrounded in the town. One platoon of the 79th Ren Troop supported by a platoon of light tanks recaptured the town around noon, relieving the friendly troops and capturing 60 PWs, including 4 officers. Our outposts vic 149419 and 160403 were hit by strong enemy patrols with half track support. The outposts were reestablished during the day but the enemy hit again at 1800 hrs and forced one outpost back into the M.M. Patrol activity continued during the day on the front of the 222nd Inf with several fire fights reported. Patrols were also active vic STUNDWILLER and the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf captured some enemy and inflicted numerous casualties to enemy groups in the area during the afternoon. Some enemy mortar fire was received vic 135433 at 0845 hrs and 151146 at 1510 hrs. Tracked vehicular movement was heard east of the RHINE RIVER at 1100 hrs. 242nd Inf patrols observed no enemy movement from an CP at 212362 and found NIEDERMODERN (2334) and KESSELBOURG (2430) clear at 1400 hrs although civilians stated that a 5 man enemy patrol had just left the latter town to return to SELLZ (2732). The enemy offered considerable resistance in the bridgehead area but SASSSENHEIM (1822) and STATTMATTEN were recaptured during the morning by the 79th Ren Troop and the 314th Inf took HORNWILLER (1217) and cleaned up the southern half of DRUSENHEIM taking approximately 40 PWs. A small counterattack S of HORNWILLER was broken up by arty fire. Elements of TF LINDEN encountered stiff opposition vic GAMBESHEIM and a counterattack forced our troops west to the canal. Reports indicated that the enemy was using tanks in the GAMBESHEIM area; arty fire was received in the 222nd Inf sector with the heaviest fire at 1900 hrs. Some enemy infiltration was attempted after dark in the left flank of this regiment.

3. MISCELLANEOUS
- a. PWs evacuated through P.M. 145
  - b. PWs evacuated through medical channels 3
  - c. Total PWs to date: 21,311
  - d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, P. enclosure, Inf Regts, MAGUSNAI and civilian road patrols.
  - e. No enemy tanks destroyed during period. The 222nd Inf reported knocking out one enemy halftrack by rifle grenade fire.
  - f. Elements of the 313th Inf, operating with the 45th Div, captured 129 PWs today, bringing their total to well over 300 since operating in that sector. In addition it has severely mauled two bns of the 361st Div.
  - g. 45th Div sector: Enemy troops dug in S of LIGHTENBERG (18235) remained defensive but estimated 100 PWs taken in that area. Enemy became aggressive in PHILLIPSBOURG (18742) with small attacks toward the town. Enemy continues to hold out in part of WINGEN (187335). Elsewhere close contact continues. (45th Div)

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Signal Section, 118th Marsch Bn has a strength of 25 men and was organized in Coblenz one month ago. The Signal section joined the 118th Marsch Bn in Darmstadt and came to Berg Zabern on 18 Dec where the entire Bn was employed to occupy pillboxes of the Siegfried Line vic of the towns of Berg Zabern, Doerenbach, Bollenburn and Nieder Schlettbach. Pw sent out with 24 men to Weiller to establish a radio station there with call signal of Siegfried III. Call sign of the Bn Hq is G-6G in Berg Zabern. Bn has a strength of 4 Co's for a total of 450 men. Bn trains are in Niederschlettenbach (085540). Bn kitchen at Bollenborn (145555). Pw states that he heard noises of tracked vehicles, possibly tanks in vic of Berg Zabern on 2 Jan.

I Bn E/V is composed of 3 companies with a total strength of approx 300 men and was assembled in Freistatt on 4 Jan in preparation of a crossing of the Rhine at 137096. Mission of the Bn was to occupy Gamsheim. Pw states that many casualties were suffered in the fight for Gamsheim and that after it had been won, the 1st Co was put into position S of Gamsheim, the 2nd Co West and the 3rd Co, North. Pw states that the town was attacked from the South and the 1st Co was destroyed. 59 Pws were taken from the 1st Co and the remainder of the Co was either wounded or killed. Pw states that another attack on the village also came from the Northwest, and that he saw many wounded from the 2nd or 3rd Cos, being evacuated across the Rhine River.

Pw of the 3rd Co, 291st Inf Repl Eng Bn states that his company is on the East bank of the Rhine River in the vic of Schwarzach. Pw has been on more than 5 patrols with a mission of finding strength of units occupying Brusenheim and Statmmatten in the past two weeks, and always reported towns clear. Pw grew weary of shuttling across the Rhine and deserted on last mission, which was on night of 3-4 Jan.

Co Zar is an Engineer Co formed from men of the 27th Engr Repl Tng Bn and was split up into 4 platoons and attached to the I Bn E/V. Mission of Pws platoon was to sweep road leading from Gamsheim to River, of mines and repair where necessary. Pw was an Alsatian and deserted as soon as he crossed the Rhine.

Battle Group von Loewen has a present strength of 50 men, according to Pws. Pws state that all GAF personnel has been withdrawn from the unit and that the unit is under the tactical control of the 1st Volksturm Bn. Pw was part of a 5 man patrol sent out with a mission to determine enemy strength and disposition in vic of Stundwiller. Pw states that patrol made rcn of Kapeweyer, Niederlauterbach and Stundwiller but all they found was 2 packs of Chesterfields and plenty of American fire in Stundwiller. Pw states that only one man of the patrol escaped. CP and entire Battle Group von Loewen has now moved to Trimbach.

Bn Hoppe was a hastily organized Bn with a strength of approx 200-250 men with mission of crossing the Rhine at 231211 and occupying Statmmatten. Bn crossed on 5 Jan between hours of 1300-1800. Bn consisted of Co Lorenz, Co Menzel and two half strength companies named Co Biefert and Co Wimmer. Co Stumlinger consisting of approx 55 Volksturm was later called up as reinforcements. Pws believed Statmmatten and vic to be held only lightly by rear-guard units that were protecting American withdrawals. 4 of 5 Bn officers, including the Bn CO, were captured, remaining officer was wounded. Bn CO states that the Bn is part of Regiment Biefert or Biefrank which is under the tactical control of the staff of the 553rd VG Div. Pw states that Regiment Biefert has one other Bn of approx strength of Bn Hoppe, which was likely to follow Bn Hoppe. All units including the Bn were named after their commanders. Bn Hoppe was originally formed 10-15 Dec 44 with a strength of two companies. The Bn strength varied from time to time sometimes having 6 companies and sometimes having as little as one. Bn CO states that his Bn at the time of crossing the Rhine had a strength of 2 full companies and two half companies with a total personnel of 200-250 men. Attack took the German troops by surprise and estimates as to casualties vary from 30-120 men. Pws state that besides 65 prisoners taken from the Bn he counted at least 27 dead or wounded. Bn CO states that his unit was to get food from the town of Statmmatten itself, until supplies could be transported across the Rhine.

Deserter Pw in civilian clothes states that unit wearing the number 111 on shoulder straps moved from Lehl to Freistatt. Pw also states that he saw an



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G-2 Frankfurt Report

File: 36200 Jan 45  
To: 7200 Jan 45  
By 7200 Jan 45  
In the Field  
17.00 January 1945

No. 107

1. General Situation

a. Enemy Forces: On northern front line, occupied positions (1100), INGOH (1100), KUNH (1100), ST. M. (1100), and (1100). (1100) is not held by the enemy but (1100) is reported to have 200 troops in it. In the area around enemy holds southern half of (1100), (1100), (1100), (1100), (1100) and (1100).  
b. Units in Contact: 1st Pz Gren and 3rd Co, 192nd Pz Gren Dept of the 21st Pz Div; Battle Groups under command of 553rd VG Div and 405th Div.  
c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: With the identification of the 19th Pz Gren Dept 10th, its sister regiment, the 15th Pz Gren Dept, may be expected to make an appearance shortly. There were indications that one enemy battalion was being held in the INGOH - KUNH - ST. M. area.

2. Enemy Operations

(1) General Front: The night was quiet until 0500 hrs when vehicular activity was heard. Listening post was driven in by an enemy patrol at 1000 hrs. At 0700 hrs the enemy started to apply pressure on the 3rd Pz Div, 31st Inf sector and with tanks and infantry drove our troops from (1100) and (1100) after street fighting. During the day an estimated 15 tanks, including 4 V and 11 V, operated in the INGOH - KUNH area. Five of these tanks were reported knocked out or disabled by mines, T guns and arty fire. Five small air-landing attacks were made in the 31st Inf sector and all were repulsed. Due to our arty and mortar fire enemy activity decreased during the afternoon although movement of German tanks INGOH was observed shortly before dark. The enemy was attempting to retrieve his tanks in the minefield at 1045 hrs although the positions were being harassed by our fire. Patrols of the 31st Inf observed some enemy movement E. of (1100) and two members of an enemy patrol were captured in the town. (1100) was also found clear. Enemy patrols were also active on the left bank of the 22nd Inf and some fire was received from a direct fire weapon. Heavy vehicular traffic was reported moving from (1100) to (1100) at 2045 hrs.

(2) Gravel Area: The 31st Inf received some arty during the first part of the period and arty was also reported in (1100). The enemy remained aggressive and attacked (1100) with an estimated 8-10 tanks and one bn of infantry which succeeded in capturing the southern half of the town. South-east of (1100) the enemy also attacked with infantry supported by five tanks, 4 of which were destroyed. The other enemy tank was destroyed in (1100). Four of the tanks were knocked out by Co B, 47th Tn and one by the 81st Tn with two probably destroyed. During the night the bridgehead was reinforced with tanks, 3rd Pz Div T guns with the (1100) bridgehead being the apparent main point of pressure. The 79th Tn Troop reported (1100) (2043) and (1100) (1100) clear during the morning but located a defended road block at 23335 and enemy dug in from 23344 to 26545. Another Tn patrol reached 194205 at 1720 hrs and observed an occupied pillbox at 188202 and heard enemy movement along the stream in the vicinity. Elements of the 242nd Inf captured 2 Pz from a 5 man enemy patrol that entered (1100) at 1800 hrs. The French attack on (1100) met considerable resistance and after destroying two enemy tanks and capturing 40 Pz a force withdrew to (1100). After dark considerable enemy vehicular activity was heard in the (1100) - (1100) area.

3. Enemy Casualties

- a. This evacuated through (1100) 96
- b. This evacuated through medical channels: 31

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having received Volksturm replacements. PWs state that both co's withdrew from the towns they held after heavy fire fights.

VII Bn E/V was originally formed from Alarm Co's from the SAARLAND LIA in the town of GGS (337215). Bn crossed RHINE RIVER at 1300G. PWs state that the original mission of the Bn was to take and hold DUSSELDORF, the 1st Co on the E of the village, 2nd Co to the N and 3rd to the W. PWs state that the Bn has suffered heavy losses and many have been taken prisoner. Each company is equipped with 8-12 LMGs and rifles. PW states that no hvy wps had yet been brought over the RHINE, but that they were promised support of SF guns and tanks with arty following a few days later. The 1st Co now has about 58 men, the 2nd Co 50 men and the 3rd Co 34 men. PWs state that no replacements have been received. Co CP of 3rd Co captured in paper factory S DUSSELDORF, Co WO seriously wounded and captured together with the 1st Sgt.

1st Co, 405th AT Bn, according to PWs, belongs to the 405th Administrative Div and was formed from personnel drawn from the 35th AT Regt Bn and attached to VII Bn E/V for AT protection. PWs state that the co has a strength of 120 men who came across the RHINE with 54 bazookas. One rather enthusiastic and talkative PW stated that 3 SF 75mm guns were in via DUSSELDORF, but has never seen them. One squad was captured while protecting Co CP of 3rd Co, VII Bn E/V in factory.

Little Group Trencher is now located in GGS in vicinity of bridge at MAXIMILIANSD. The two PWs taken from this unit had been sent to DUSSELDORF to select new area and mark route for units of Little Group. PWs state that the unit is now composed of 3 batteries each having 3-80mm guns which are used as arty. PW states that the guns are Russian 80mm guns captured so that 80mm ammo can be used. Unit has a strength of approx 300 men and receives its orders from the arty units that are in the sector. Formerly received orders from 256th Arty when attached to it in via MAXIMILIANSD.

1st Co, I Bn E/V (also known as Bn "Mieros") PW was deserter NCO who stated that almost the entire co was destroyed. Approx 70 PWs have been taken from this unit. Original mission of the co was to take GALESDORF. Their attacks were unsuccessful and PW states that Bn withdrew to a line along the RHINE at 114092 and dug in there. PW deserted 061200 Jan.

Bn Treutler is a Bn of 3 co's organized from members of the Army NCO School "Eitlingen" and Wehrkreis Unterfuhrer Lehrgang (Sub-NCO School) with an approx strength of 350 men. The Bn was formerly known as Bn Schmidt, but the two Bns are identical. Mission of the Bn was to secure the bridgehead's S flank and extend to KILSTETT if possible. PWs state that the Bn consisting of 2 inf co's supported by the 4th (hvy) Co is dug in via 115078. Bn strength now approx 300 men. 4th Co, Bn Treutler has 6 mortars (3-80mm, 3-120mm) set up along the EL RIVER, exact location unknown.

3rd Co, 21st Pz Bn arrived in KILSTETT morning of 6 Jan. PW states that only one platoon of 30 men carried in trucks arrived in KILSTETT from via FLEHEND. Patrol of platoon strength was sent out to determine the extent of the American withdrawal in the sector with the mission of going to hill at 146425. PWs state that there are 20 half-tracks in co, with approx 100 men and 20 LMGs. PWs say that the Div is likely to follow in a few days. The strength of the Pz Bn is about 500 men with the 4th Co being a hvy co. PW did not know the wps of the 4th Co but stated that the first three co's were half-track co's with about 20 half-tracks each. PW states that the unit was last in contact with the enemy 10 days ago via SCHLUTTER. PW states that the Pz Bn has no tanks.

1127th Fortress Arty Bn has approx 85 men and 4-122mm gun hows (Russian). The entire Bn has only one bat which is now also called Einheit Bising. Two observers were sent across the river to establish an OF which they did in the paper factory below DUSSELDORF. Both O and NCO were captured and stated that they directed fire missions (6) up until the time of capture, one mission being fire upon American tanks. Officer, formerly a member of 151st Arty Bn which is in vic of RASTATT, was suddenly alerted two nights ago and told to go across the river with VII Bn E/V to direct arty fire in their support.

4. Morale: Generally good although somewhat lower than previously reported. Lack of food and success being main reasons for lowered morale.



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**G-2 PERIODIC REPORT**

FROM: 072200 Jan 45  
TO: 082200 Jan 45  
By: 79th Inf Div  
In the field  
082200 January 1945

No. 162

Maps: No change

**1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD**

- Enemy Front Lines:** In Northern front enemy holds GEBELACH (1441), MULLSBACH (1441), SCHMIDT (1837), SCHMIDT (1836) and MULL (1405). In bridgehead area enemy occupies southern half of MULLSBACH (1441), MULLSBACH (1441), MULLSBACH (1441), MULLSBACH (1441) and MULLSBACH (1441).
- Units in Contact:** 1st Pz Div; Battle groups under command of 953rd Pz Div.
- Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention:** 3 Pz Div captured by the 36th Div were from the 93rd Regt of 24th Pz Div and stated that the 1st and 2nd Divs were in GEBELACH.

**2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD**

**a. General Summary:**

(1) **Northern Front:** The 3rd Bn, 83th Inf received some mortar fire during the night and a small enemy patrol was reported in the same sector at 0628 hrs. At 0700 hrs elements of the 125th and 192nd Pz Gren Regts attacked the 3rd Bn, 83th Inf, but the attack was broken up by small arms and arty fire. Enemy infantry supported by 10 tanks again attacked the same place at 0800 hrs but after suffering severe casualties in men and tanks, broke off the assault shortly before noon. When the Germans attempted to reorganize in the MULLSBACH area, 12 Pz 47's hit the town with unobserved results. During the afternoon infantry and tanks were observed via 175378, 172356 and 173412, and were taken under arty fire. A patrol of the 222nd Inf received heavy small arms fire in GEBELACH at 1430 hrs. The 813th TD Bn knocked out one enemy half-track and 10 to 15 infantry via 149421. Three enemy tanks were knocked out and two disabled by the 827th TD Bn, bazooka and arty fire. The Germans were observed digging in around GEBELACH at dusk. A patrol of the 242nd Inf ran into automatic fire at 211302. 2 LF 262 planes were over the Div sector at 1350 hrs and signaling was reported in MULLSBACH (1441).

(2) **Bridgehead area:** The enemy continued to resist strongly in the bridgehead area. The 114th Inf met heavy small arms and arty fire in attempting to establish a bridgehead south of the river in MULLSBACH. Our troops made some progress via 149172 and repulsed enemy attempts to cross the river from 193170 to 149165. Infantry elements of CO 8, 12th Arm Div advanced to within one kilometer north of MULLSBACH. The 79th Recon Troop reported 12 enemy seen entering pillbox at 27 LAMIS (2322) at 1130 hrs, and cleared MULLSBACH (2327) in the afternoon. Although some SP guns were reported west of the MULLSBACH DIVAS no tanks were reported. Air Obs reported considerable movement back and forth on the MULLSBACH DIVAS.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Pz evacuated through Pz: 57
- Pz evacuated through medical channels: 6
- Total Pz to date: 21,501
- 3 enemy tanks destroyed during period with 2 promissories. Total tanks destroyed to date: 97.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, Pz Enclosure, Inf Regts, MULLSBACH and civilian road patrols.
- During the past 2 days four enemy agents have been apprehended by units and the CIC. Two were women (one a Russian and the other a Luxembourger) and two were men (French). All were low grade agents. Units are reminded that no one must be allowed to pass through our lines into enemy territory and all coming from enemy territory into our lines must be evacuated through Pz channels.
- 45th Div Sector:** No change in enemy dispositions or attitude. Ground reports give no evidence of build-up or unusual activity in MULLSBACH-MULLSBACH-BACH - MULLSBACH area.

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heavy arty and MG fire. Pns state entire 2nd Bn, 125th Pz Gr is in area STUNDILLER-SCHBACH. Bn strength estimated at 325 men.

7th Co, 192nd Pz Gr Regt was reorganized in LINDL in the middle of December then moved to vic BITCHE, stayed there two days and moved to INGOLS-HEIA through WISSELBOURG. Co attacked this morning from SCHBACH with the 5th Co, to take OBERSCHNERN from the north with an approx strength of 55 men. Pns state both Co's suffered very heavy losses and have a present company strength of 15 men. The place in strength at approx 250 men, who were to withdraw to vic of SCHBACH. The 8th Co, with 2-80mm mortars and 7 MGs was claimed to support the attack of the 5th and 7th Co's.

3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt arrived from LINDL at INGOLSHAIN approx 3 days ago. Pn states that he was part of a 5 man patrol that was sent out evening of 7 Jan to determine enemy strength and disposition in vic of STUNDILLER, WISSELBOURG and OBERSCHNERN. Result of patrol, 1 dead, one captured and 3 wounded. Pn started out from company position on reverse slope of hill at 174378. Pn states that the entire company including the CP is located there, and it is very cold. Stated that fires were built there last night to keep warm. Pn estimates company strength at approx 85 men armed with 9 MGs and rifles. Pn states that the Co received 30 replacements from the 10th Pz Gr Repl Tng Bn on 20 Dec, who were mostly young men with very little training. Some of the replacements received their tng in Weichsel-Arbeitsdienst (Labor service).

Pns of Division Bruboenburg were native Frenchmen and spoke no German and were interrogated by 79th Div Mil Team. Both Pns wore no uniforms and had a mission of patrolling the area between LINDL and Ingolshain.

4. Supplies

Food and ammo supply of 21st Pz Div excellent. Pns claimed that they received two hot meals per day. Pns claim they were issued new winter clothing approx 1 week ago, and it consisted of a heavy wool coverall, 4 pairs of heavy socks, heavy gloves and boots. Pns state that a field kitchen has been set up in SCHBACH. Pns of an Hopp state that only one meal has been supplied them from across the RHINE since they made the crossing and no ammo has yet followed. Pn in GERSHAIN area stated that food and ammo comes over the river every night.

5. Morale

Morale of the 21st Pz Div generally good, but morale considerably lowered in units situated in STUNDILLER, by American arty concentrations. 21st Pz has recently given security lectures and all solatucha were taken away and replaced by mimeographed form giving name, rank, serial number, home address and nearest relative. Pns all somewhat reluctant to talk.

6. Personalities

	Unit	File
1st Lt MILLICH	CO 1st Bty, 155 Arty Regt	25354 B
Major TILMANNBERGER	Bn CO	
1st Lt PESCHKE	CO 3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt	34133 D
Lt SCHNEIDER	CO 1st Co, Pz Oberheim	64465 B
Lt Turowski (Capt)	CO 5th Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt	37509 B
Lt Volkman	CO, 7th Co, 192nd Pz Gr	58899 D
Capt HILDEBRAND	Bn CO	
Asst Gen FROCHTBERGER	Gr 21st Pz Div	

7. Miscellaneous

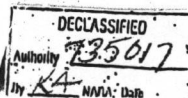
1st Btry 155th Arty was last known to be in vic BITCHE. Pn left his unit there and went with 7th Co, 192 Pz Gr as an observer and to acquaint himself with the terrain and disposition of his enemy. Pn states that the entire Regt is supposed to be in area. Pn states that arty Regt has rec'd weapons repl in the past 3 weeks and now has 3 Bns, 2 of which are light and one medium. The 1st and 2nd Bns have 3 btys of 150mm how of 4 guns each. Pn states that engineers were still working on LINDL-BACH bridge and obs was held up 2 hrs.

SPECIAL REPORT, GERMAN SHORT RANGE AGENTS

1. The individuals in German uniform and carrying guidblicher surrendered to friendly troops in vic of WISSELBOURG (2225) on 3 Jan 45. These two men were of French nationality, one of them belonged to a French Nazi party (RFF) up to July 43, the other man, probably a former Gestapo agent in GERSHAIN withdrew to GERSHAIN with the German Army during the summer of 1944.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 082300 Jan 45  
TO : 092300 Jan 45  
By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
092400 January 1945

No. 183

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1. REPLY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern front enemy holds GLATSHOF (1144), INKOLSHOF (1141), RECHER (1357), STUNDILLER (1336), HUEL (2035) and was being driven out of HATTEN (1733). In bridgehead area enemy occupies southern half of HUSENHEIM (1517), southern half of HENRICHHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312) GAMBHEIM (2110) and BOTTENDORF (1009).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gren Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VC Div.

2. MAJ OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern front (TP HUEL): Some flare activity was observed during the night and arty, including one phosphorous shell, fell vic 158355 at 2330 hrs. Small probing attack against the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf and 242nd Inf was repulsed before dawn, but the enemy attacked vic HATTEN with two battalions of infantry and 7 tanks shortly after. The Germans succeeded in capturing 2 pillboxes and some reached the outskirts of the town before being repulsed with severe infantry casualties and losing two tanks to arty fire. Mortar and direct weapon fire fell in the 313th Inf sector between 0600 and 0700 hrs. The enemy started to withdraw at 0940 hrs when it was apparent that the assault by the 1st Bn, 35 Pz Gr Regt and 2nd Bn, 119 Pz Gren Regt had failed. The 79th Gen Troop reported NO fire vic LAUTERHEIM (2127) at 1100 hrs. Enemy smoke shells fell vic 167407 at 1130 hrs. Two trucks and one tank, attempting to move from HUEL to STUNDILLER, were taken under arty fire and decided to forego the journey. The 25th Pz Gren Div attacked HATTEN again from the east, after an arty preparation, at 1300 hrs using 20 tanks of its organic tank bn as the striking force. HATTEN was encircled by enemy armor and some tanks reached a point south of ALTENSHOFFEN (1533) when our counterattacking force hit and caused the Germans to withdraw after knocking out 11 to 14 tanks. These tanks were KO'd by the 48th Tk Bn, the 827th TD Bn, 413th Pz Bn and arty fire. By the end of the period over half of the town of HATTEN had been retaken by our troops in spite of stiff opposition. At 2000 hrs considerable tracked vehicle movement was heard between HUSENHEIM and INKOLSHOF, STUNDILLER to HUEL and 186326 to HUEL/GARTEN.

(2) Bridgehead area: HUSENHEIM and RECHER received some 280mm fire during the night and engineers of the 40th Engr Regt were hampered by small arms, mortar and arty fire in bridging operations vic 130168. Armored infantry of CG B, 12th Arm Div overcame considerable resistance and took many prisoners in advancing to capture part of HENRICHHEIM. The 314th Inf received a heavy barrage of arty, mortar and small arms fire in BOTTENDORF at 0800 hrs and continued to be harassed during the remainder of the period. The enemy, using infantry and tanks, conducted aggressive action against 3rd Bn, 314th Inf at 1800 hrs. The 79th Gen Troop reported a 4 man enemy patrol at 103136 during the morning. The bridges at 083130 and 09361340 were reported destroyed. Of 10 tanks in the area one was destroyed with two probables, claimed by CG B and arty.

3. RESCUE/RECAPTURE

a. PAs evacuated through Pz: 105  
b. PAs evacuated through medical channels: 17  
c. Total PAs to date: 21,623  
d. 14 enemy tanks destroyed during period, with 4 probables. Total tanks destroyed to date: 111. 2 GAC cars, one full tracked vehicle, 2 half tracks and 1 staff car were also destroyed today.

e. Location of GIC personnel: Div CP, Pz enclosure, Inf Regts, HUSENHEIM and civilian road patrols.

f. 47th Div Sector: Enemy remains in close contact NW and E of HATTEN. HATTEN (2037) where he defends from dug in positions, supported by arty, mortar and SF fire. The 36th VC Div was identified vic PHILLIPSBURG.

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DPH ANNEX (Cont'd)

along the road were unoccupied, and, according to PW, were mowed down as soon as they got out into open terrain. PW states that the company was reorganized on or about 25 Dec, bringing the company strength up to 80 men, divided into 3 platoons. PW states that the 3rd Platoon is a heavy platoon having 4 82mm and 4-80mm mortars. PW states that the 8th Co is a heavy company with 3 platoons, the 1st platoon being a H&C platoon having 6-20mm guns used for ground targets, the 2nd platoon having 4-120mm mortars.

Hq Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt sent one Squad of 8 men with the 3rd Co, 35th Pz Gr Regt to reinforce attack on HATTAH from the east. Entire squad was completely destroyed. One PW captured at 190337.

1st Co, 142nd Pz Gr Regt, 21st Pz Div was reorganized 13 Dec in vic of FIK-MASSA. The entire 1st Bn arrived in GEMMERSHEIM 2 days ago. 1st Co occupied town of INGOESHEIM and remainder of Bn went into positions east and west of the town. PW estimates that the Bn strength is approx 300 men. PW captured was part of a 4 man patrol who left INGOESHEIM last night to reconnoiter area in and around FIKMASSA. Non-com in charge of patrol sent one man out and stayed behind and gave order to the one man sent out ahead to do the task assigned the whole patrol. Man sent out ahead deserted. 1st Co has a strength of approximately 55 men and 4 LMGs.

3d Co, 35th Pz Gr Regt came with the entire 1st Bn from vic BIRCHE and arrived in GEMMERSHEIM on 7 Jan and then moved to SCHLITZ. PW states that the 3rd Bn was dissolved and incorporated into the 1st Bn, and that the 3rd Bn is now being reorganized in GEMMERSHEIM. 1st Bn, 35th Pz Gr Regt was on northern flank of attacking force on HATTAH and suffered heavy losses according to PW statements. PW estimates that this company had a strength of 81 men before the attack and only 15 men withdrew to the forest after the attack was over. 3d Co started the attack with 75 men and had 15-20 men left when they withdrew to the east of HATTAH. PW states that the 6th, and 7th Cos, 119th Pz Gr Regt were on the south flank of the attack. PW states that out of the entire Bn attack only approx 85-100 men were able to withdraw under their own power.

6th Co, 142nd Inf was a participant in the attack against the 303th Inf yesterday. PW states that the entire Bn attacked with the result that the 7th Co was completely destroyed and the 6th Co pulled back with only 4 men. PW was pinned down by MG fire for ten hours, lying amongst 20 German dead. Attack was to be supported by 5 tanks but failed because Infantry was unable to take original initial objective. One Company, the 2nd Co, 228th Armd Engr Bn, 21st Pz Div, was to be employed to sweep a 15 yard lane for the 5 tanks to break through our minefields. But entire attack fizzled because of heavy arty and small arms fire. PW of the Engr Bn states that the Bn brought approx 200 mines with them from LAMM to be used if the Division was forced into a defensive position. 5 tanks that were to support attack withdrew to GEMMERSHEIM.

The 9th and 11th Cos of the 2nd SS Police Regt were virtually destroyed in their attack on the south part of GEMMERSHEIM. Objective of the attack was to take the paper factory in GEMMERSHEIM. The 2nd SS Police Regt was organized approx 2 months ago in vic of BRUNNENBURG from air raid wardens, Civil Service employees and air raid first aid men. PW states that it was called an SS Police unit because the personnel all stood a little more in favor of the Government than the general populace. Personnel are all over 40 years of age. Training, according to PW, consisted of close order drill, with a little weapons training thrown into the bag in the last two weeks. The Bn had an original strength of approx 350 men and crossed the Rhine River night of 5-6 Jan at 172147 on a ferry with a capacity of 40 men and a horse drawn cart. The 11th Co took up positions along river line from 15951565 to 16051700. The 9th Co was on their right flank following the river to 16501760. PW claims that another unidentified SS Police unit was on the right flank of the 11th Co. Each Co was equipped with 3-50mm mortars and the 12th Co was equipped with 4-80mm mortars. PW states that the Bn Hq and staff of an organization TONY crossed the River with them.

PW of the 1st Bn, 1119th Inf, 553rd VG Div state that the 1st Bn was reorganized vic of KINTERSBORN about 30 Dec. PW stated that the remnants of the entire Div were thrown into the 1st Bn, 1119th to bring it up to a strength of 300 men. The Bn crossed the RHINE the night of 7-8 Jan and took up a position in GEMMERSHEIM. The Bn stayed there overnight and moved into position at ROKHILLER at 130168. PW states that the entire Bn suffered heavy losses in today's American attack, and feel that the Bn was scattered.

4. Logistics  
 Food

5. Supply

Food. Both food and ammo supplies are entirely adequate both at the G.L.B.



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 092200 Jan 45  
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hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
102400 January 1945

No. 184

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern front: CLEMBURG (1441), IMBOLDEN (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNNEN (1836), BOHL (2035), 195300 and 222305. In the bridgehead area: FT LOUIS (2022), southern half of BRUNNEN (1517), southern part of HANDELSDORF (1214), OFFENDORF (1312) and GABERLEN (1110).
- b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div, 25th Pz Gr Div; battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WART): All units received some arty fire during the night and the enemy continued to resist in HATTEN. 222nd Inf patrols reported enemy activity in CLEMBURG and vic 160403. Another patrol from the same regiment killed four and captured one German of a five man outpost. During the day, our forces made progress by street fighting in HATTEN in spite of stiff resistance from infantry and tanks. One enemy tank was reported knocked out by bazooka and another destroyed by the 48th Tk Bn. Enemy arty fire was constant during the day and nebelwerfer fire from a battery near TRILBACH (2037) was reported in the 242nd Inf sector. Tanks and infantry were reported heard vic 207307 at 0730 hrs. During the morning a few vehicles and some infantry were seen approaching HATTEN from the woods to the East. At 1020 hrs approx 25 infantry were dug in at 187325 and at 1115 hrs another group was observed at 180346. Some enemy attempted to infiltrate to the positions of the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, around noon, but were stopped by mortar fire. During the afternoon enemy mortar fire was received vic 108437 and an enemy MG was destroyed by a direct arty hit at 112443. Enemy air was active during the afternoon with SE 262's predominating and bombing and strafing was reported in the BURBURG-SOULTZ-HITERSHOFFEN-NIEDERBETSCHDORF area. Enemy infantry was reported as withdrawing from HATTEN to the woods east of there at 1720 hrs, however, at least 5 enemy tanks were observed in vic of 169335 around 1725 hrs. Fighting in HATTEN had ceased by dusk, however, one tank was reported in front of the church, in the town, and one was reported at 174339 towards the end of the period. The enemy was still holding the extreme NE tip of HATTEN.

(2) Bridgehead Area: The 56th Armd Inf met bitter opposition in HANDELSDORF during the night and was reported surrounded at 0330 hrs. Our tank support arrived early this morning and the attack was resumed on the town. Enemy reinforcements arrived from OFFENDORF and the fighting continued all day with our troops making progress in street fighting against heavy small arms, mortar and arty fire. CC B, 12th Armd Div reported two enemy tanks destroyed in their sector today. The 3rd Bn, 314th Inf repulsed an enemy attack at 0130 hrs made by infantry and AP guns. Two 88mm guns were located at 133157 and one destroyed by arty fire. Enemy infantry, vic 147155, were taken under arty fire at 1145 hrs. Enemy tanks continued to operate in the bridgehead area and an air OP reported 5 in vic 124135 and 7 at 131152 at 1425 hrs. The 79th Hon Troop captured a 5 man patrol vic HOPFENHILL in the afternoon and reported the town clear. BISCHMILLER was shelled by arty at 1715 hrs. Towards the end of the period fighting was still taking place in HANDELSDORF, where our troops were receiving heavy small arms, arty and mortar fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Pws evacuated through PM: 112
- b. Pws evacuated through medical channels: 12
- c. Total Pws to date: 21,747
- d. 4 enemy tanks reported destroyed during period. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 115.
- e. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, Pn enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGENAU and civilian road patrols.

INMUNEX (Cont'd)

The Bn assembled near CH in vic of 221319 before the attack. The 2nd Co started the attack with 9 Panthers, all of which were knocked out. Another Co lost approx 3 tanks with 2 badly damaged. PW states that all tanks and assault guns used the bridge in NIEDERKORBBACH.

The 1st Bn, 35th Pz Gr Regt attacked HATTEN and the pillboxes N of the town, and suffered heavy losses. PW estimates of Bn strength vary from 110 to 225 men. The attack was made in conjunction with the 2nd Bn, 119th Pz Regt. After first attack failed troops withdrew to forest and there they reassembled. A new attack was launched supported by remnants of the 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr, 21st Pz Div, which was held in reserve east of HATTEN in the forest after suffering heavy losses in STUNDILLER, ASCHEN, CH area. The second attack was made with the remnants of the three Bns and had as an objective the high ground east of RITTERSHOFFEN. PWs state that American counterattack drove them back to the forest and destroyed 17 German tanks and assault guns.

The 192nd Pz Gr Regt participated in the second attack on HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN yesterday. PWs state that the 7th Co, 119 Pz Gr Regt was virtually destroyed two days ago in STUNDILLER and the remnants of the Co were incorporated into the 6th Co. 6th Co now has a strength of 65 men including remnants of the 7th Co. One PW states that the 5th Co was completely destroyed in STUNDILLER. PW estimates Bn strength to be 170 men who, according to PW, have been withdrawn to GIBETILLER (217210) where the Bn CP is now located. PW states that wounded could not be evacuated because of heavy fire from American arty and they volunteered to bring them into the American lines.

The 1st Bn, 1119th VG Regt, 553rd VG Div was reorganized the end of Dec, and also is called Bn Kappes. PWs estimated that the original strength was approx 300 men. The entire 1119th Regt remnants, plus some personnel drawn from the 1120th and 1121st Regts were thrown into the 1st Bn, 1119th Regt. The Bn crossed the RHINE the night of 5-6 Jan at 172147 by ferry and rubber assault boats. Bn strength estimated by PWs after fighting in HERRLISHEIM was approx 165 men. The 1st Bn was supported by the 1st Co, 305th AT Bn and 1/2 of the 2nd Co, 405th AT Bn. Position in HERRLISHEIM became precarious at approx 1100 hrs on 9 Jan, and they called for help. Bn winner was sent to the town as reinforcements.

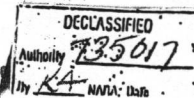
Bn Winner consists of two companies of approx 80 men each, and was formed from remnants of the 1120th VG Regt in BUSENBACH on 30 Dec. They came across the RHINE the night of 6-7 Jan at 1500 on a ferry holding approx 45 men. Co was billeted in OFFENDORF and was in town with one company of the 2nd SS Police Regt, probably the 10th Co. Bn Winner was called upon by the 1st Bn, 1119th Inf to help hold the town of HERRLISHEIM, at noon 9 Jan. PW states that the Bn was reduced to approx 100 men after a heavy artillery barrage on the town, and were to be relieved by a SS police unit, which never came. Only a few scattered personnel of the SS Police unit ever arrived in HERRLISHEIM. PWs state that there is one company of Waffen SS securing the road HERRLISHEIM-DRESENHEIM. None of PWs have ever seen Waffen SS in bridgehead area, but have heard rumors of one company being in vicinity. Bn Winner was supported by 4 tanks.

The 405th AT Bn consists of 2 companies. The 1st Co has a present strength of 75 men and the second company is half on this side of the Rhine and half on the east side, in the vicinity of FREISTEIT. One platoon of the 2nd Co and three 37mm AT Guns were situated east of HERRLISHEIM. PW states that the platoon withdrew to the east, abandoning their AT guns. The 1st Co has an approximate remaining strength of 70-80 men with three 75mm AT guns which were in position at the north approach to HERRLISHEIM. PWs state that 75mm AT guns were abandoned in HERRLISHEIM and company withdrew in direction of OFFENDORF. One PW states that there were 12-15 tanks in HERRLISHEIM which were to attack north along the HERRLISHEIM-DRESENHEIM Road, but could never get started because of heavy artillery fire. PW states that every time the tanks went out of the town along the road they were greeted by terrific artillery barrages.

PW of the 9th Co, 2nd SS Police Regt, states that his company is completely destroyed and he was at the present time attached to 1st Bn, 1119th Inf at HERRLISHEIM. PW stated that the Bn suffered heavy casualties in their attack on DRESENHEIM; that approximately 100 were captured; and that the Bn was to be dissolved and sent to other units in the bridgehead area as replacements.

PWs of Co Starke were out on patrol from BEINHEIM. Entire patrol of 6 men captured by 79th Ben Troop at 240224, vicinity of mill. PWs were poorest troops encountered by 79th Div in many a day. The patrol leader had a club foot and members of his patrol were all fat and forty. PW states that approximately 20 men of his company were in BEINHEIM and were a bit nervous as to our intentions in this area. The platoon leader suspected an American attack. Patrol mission was to find enemy and report on strength and disposition. Entire patrol





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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 102200 Jan 45  
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By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GLEIBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHENH. (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BURL (2035), eastern part of WATTEN (1833), eastern part of RITTENSHOFEN (1533) and 222305. In the Bridgehead area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern part of DRUBENHEIM (1517), HERLICHHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1912) and GEMSHHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Forward elements received sporadic arty fire most of the night and vehicular traffic was heard until 0400 hrs via WATTEN and INGOLSHHEIM. A strong enemy patrol was contacted via 185060. A patrol of the 222nd Inf contacted a 5 man infantry patrol of INGOLSHHEIM and killed all of the Germans and continued to knock out a MG in the same vicinity. The 2nd Bn, 315th Inf received heavy enemy pressure in RITTEN shortly after dawn and tanks in the northern part of the town, aided by a heavy ground haze, covered the advance of enemy infantry to RITTENSHOFEN. Four of these tanks were knocked out by the 827th TD Bn in addition to one scout car and one armored car. The enemy infantry was contained to the northeast tip of RITTENSHOFEN until tank support arrived, after which the Germans made some progress in house to house fighting and held a little more than half of the town by the end of the period. At this time an estimated 12 tanks and 2 bns of infantry were operating in the town. Two enemy tanks were claimed destroyed in this fighting. Enemy arty, mortar and small arms fire was heavy in both towns. During the morning, German infantry was reported digging in from 159342 to 172344. Enemy activity, including some vehicular movement was observed in GLEIBOURG and a MG located at 162412. Considerable vehicular movement was heard between RITTENSHOFEN and INGOLSHHEIM during the afternoon. The enemy became somewhat aggressive in WATTEN at 2100 hrs and was reported using phosphorous grenades against our positions. Patrols of the 242nd Inf were unable to advance beyond the WATTEN - ERCHENHARTEN road because of entrenched enemy. German tks and inf attacked in WATTEN at 2200 hrs.

(2) Bridgehead Area: The 315th Inf received sporadic concentrations of arty in its sector during the day, after a quiet night. The 79th Recon Troop reported AUENHEIM, HINTZENHEIM, STATTMATTEN and ROESCHACK clear after killing 3 and wounding 3 members of a 6 man German patrol in the last town. A road block of wagons and felled trees was located at 231260. Of an estimated platoon which defended this block, 6 were killed before the Troop withdrew. A patrol of the 232nd Inf reported the town of KAUFFENHEIM (2128) clear during the afternoon. Patrols of CC B, 123rd Armd Div located enemy dug in from 094133 to 111446 with one MG every 150 yds and heard vehicles in HERLICHHEIM, but drew no fire after approaching within 300 yds of the town. RIESCHWILLER received sporadic arty fire after 1900 hrs. A patrol from the 2nd Bn, 232nd Inf reported a road block, defended by 6 enemy, at 074116.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PW: 13
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 3
- Total PWs to date: 21,763.
- 6 enemy tanks destroyed during the period. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 121. In addition one scout car, one armored car, and one 2 1/2 ton truck were destroyed.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU and civilian road patrols.

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LPW ANNEX (Cont'd)

type of enemy activity and troops in Leutenheim. Patrol received fire from MG set up vic of church in Leutenheim, 2 men were killed and one wounded, and one man was captured. Results of the patrol were to be reported to the Company Commander in CP dugout at 225328. The 1st Co, 125th Pz Ren is in position from 240332 to 250332. PW states that German officers are slightly suspicious of an attack by us coming along the Rhine River east of the Forest of Haguenau, and then running into the flank of the German forces in the vicinity of Hatten. Heavy platoon of the 2nd Co, 125th Pz Ren, with one 81mm mortar and 2 HMGs, is in position west of road at 226332. The entire Bn consists of 2 companies plus a supply platoon and a signal platoon. Battalions mission is apparently to screen flank of German forces attacking Hatten.

2 PWs evacuated through medical channels belonged to TF Rossner. This TF is an Inf Bn commanded by Major Rossner. Only two platoons of this unit were sent across the river with the mission of reconnoitering in vic of Roeschwoog and determining disposition of American troops. The rest of the TF is still manning bunkers on the east side of the Rhine.

1 wounded PW taken vic Hatten belonged to the 2nd FGR which is a part of the 107 Pz Brigade. A diary found with him indicates that this Pz Brigade is now a part of the 29th Pz Gren Div.

4. Morale  
Fair

5. Supply

Supply excellent. PW states that troops in Hatten were supplied with hot food last night at 1800 hrs. Ammo supply is good and comes from vicinity of Wissembourg.

6. Personalities

	Unit	FPN
1st Lt. Lecken	CO, Battle Group Lecken	
1st Lt. Steinler	CO, 3rd Co, 22nd Inf Bn	
Capt Kuntz	Bn CO,	
Capt Dickenhahn	CO, 2nd Co, 125th Pz Ren Bn	66784 C

7. Enemy Installations

Motor park of 125th Pz Ren Bn containing 80-100 Volkswagen in area bounded by following coordinates: 22953245-23953255 - 23753315 - 23603310.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLES

JANUARY 1945

1. This table is based upon SAVERNE and all times mentioned are "A" time.
2. Daylight is approx one hour before sunrise, darkness one hour after sunset.

3. CORRECTION TABLE:

(1) EPINAL	- Plus 3 minutes	(5) MULHOUSE	- Minus 3 minutes
(2) VERDUN	- Plus 3 minutes	(6) KARLSRUHE	- Minus 4 minutes
(3) SAARBRUCKEN	- Plus 3 minutes	(7) STUTTGART	- Minus 7 minutes
(4) HAGUENAU	- Minus 1 minute		

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
January 12	0819	1700	0637	1523	New Moon
13	0819	1701	0739	1618	
14	0818	1703	****	****	
15	0817	1704	0919	1637	
16	0817	1706	0957	1954	First Quarter
17	0816	1707	1028	2113	
18	0815	1709	1056	2232	
19	0814	1710	1122	2349	
20	0813	1712	1146		
21	0812	1713	1211	0106	
22	0811	1715	1239	0222	
23	0810	1716	1312	0337	
24	0809	1718	1350	0449	



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 112200 Jan 45  
TO : 122200 Jan 45  
HQ: 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
122400 January 1945

No. 126

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLAMMANG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), RECHERCH (1837), STUMMILLER (1836), EHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533, eastern part of HATTEN (1533) and 223305. In the Bridgehead Area: FT LAUTS (2322), southern part of DRUSSENHEIM (1517), HANDELSTHEIM (1214), LLOLLO, LOOLLO and GAKKHEIM (1110).
- b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 927th Inf Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (WFF WAHL): Enemy tanks and infantry attacked in HATTEN at the beginning of the period and in an all night forced the 2nd Bn, 315th Inf to the southwestern part of town where the Germans were held from further gains. Enemy arty fire harassed the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf sector, OBER-RETSCHDOFF and NIEDERRETSCHDOFF between 0400 and 0600 hrs. Patrols of the 222nd Inf reported hearing heavy motors and tracked vehicles throughout the night between STEINSELTZ, - RIESELTZ - INGOLSHHEIM. The enemy reacted strongly to the attack of the 14th Armd Div with arty, mortar and small arms fire. Determined resistance was met in RITTERSHOFFEN where house to house fighting continued with the Germans employing arty, mortar, tank and heavy small arms fire. An estimated 10 tanks were operating in the town during the day. The cemetery at 161357 proved to be an enemy strongpoint and a Mk VI tank near the church in the town was particularly troublesome, although 6 bazooka hits have been scored on it in the past two days. During the morning one enemy tank was reported at 157344, one at 152325, one moving from HATTEN to RITTERSHOFFEN and two tanks with infantry moving NW vicinity 172344. In the afternoon two tanks were located at 165330, two at 162343, one at 161335, and one at 160341. Three enemy vehicles were reported at 166353 at 1600 hrs. In HATTEN the 827th TD Bn knocked out 1 Mk IV tank and one scout car and a bazooka team of Co. F, 315th Inf knocked out another scout car as the enemy maintained pressure during the day. Enemy arty fire interdicted the RITTERSHOFFEN - KUHLENDORF (1935) and RITTERSHOFFEN - NIEDERRETSCHDOFF roads. The 312th PA Bn destroyed one Mk VI tank in the RITTERSHOFFEN area when it scored a direct hit with a white phosphorous shell and another hit with HE. A patrol of the 222nd Inf contacted a MI outpost vicinity 107102, killing one and capturing one enemy.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Patrols of the 242nd Inf reported 2 trucks wagons and one half track in the woods vicinity EICHENGARTEN (2230) at 0030 hrs. A 30 mm enemy patrol was driven off via 118155 around 0315 hrs. Arty fire was light during the night and one mortar concentration fell in 2nd Bn, 314th Inf sector. The 79th Ren Troop found ROESCHWOOD (2125), LEUTENHEIM (2027), STATTBATTEN (1921) and DRINGOLSHHEIM (1821) clear during the morning, two pillboxes on the DRINGOLSHHEIM - DALHUNDEN (1819) road were found unoccupied, but bridge at 186202 was mined and defended. Two men of a five man enemy patrol were killed by the Troop via 200341 at 1345 hrs. Four Germans were captured and one killed by 3rd Bn, 314th Inf near the BOIS DE DRUSSENHEIM at 1400 hrs. Patrols of CG B, 12th Armd Div, reported enemy still entrenched on the east bank of the canal SW of HANDELSTHEIM and reported activity via 122152 at 1600 hrs. DRUSSENHEIM was harassed during the afternoon by arty and direct fire weapons and ROHRWILLER received one concentration of mortar fire.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through PM: 9  
b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1  
c. Total PWs to date: 21,773

ICW ANNEX (Cont'd)

is probable. The 2nd Bn, 119th Pz Gr was previously committed in the first attack on Hatten and according to PWs was badly mauled. PW states that the Regt'l CO, Major Huse, personally led the attack from one of the half tracks, and he believes that he was badly wounded. He also believes that the entire 119th Regt participated in the attack yesterday, in conjunction with the 2nd Bn, 125th IG Regt. PW states that 2 of the 3 half tracks participating in the attack were disabled by our fire.

PWs of the 1st Co, 937th Inf were part of a five man patrol sent out from CLEBBOURG. 3 men of the patrol were captured and 2 wounded. Mission of the patrol was to determine whether or not CLEBBOURG (unatt) was held by the enemy and to establish contact with friendly troops in the area if there were any. PW states that the 1st and 2nd Co's arrived via of CLEBBOURG 3 days ago and that it is likely that the 3rd and 4th Co's are here since the Bn CP is in OBERHOFFEN. PW states that the 1st and 2nd Cos are on line south of CLEBBOURG and had previously been in position in SIEGFRIED LINE between WISSEMBOURG and BURG ZABERN. PW believes that the 1st Co is in position just south of CLEBBOURG with the 3rd Co on the left flank and the 2nd Co on the right flank. PW states that the 1st Co has an approx strength of 80-90 men and that the Bn strength is approx 350 men.

PW of the 1st Bn Hq, 937th Inf went out with the Bn CO, 1st Lt Groulich, and the Bn S-4, 1st Arndt to look at Forestry House as a possible site for their Bn CP. PW states that they were surprised by an American patrol and the Bn CO was shot and killed trying to escape capture, later when the patrol was marching the 2 PWs in, PW states that the S-4 tried to escape also, and he too, was shot and killed. The 1st Bn Hq consists of approx 30 men who are divided into a Message Center and a Communications Section. PW estimates Bn strength at 300-400 men. All of the PWs of 937th Inf were carefully interrogated and none noticed any build-up for attack or had heard any rumors of an attack to be launched in their particular sector. PWs state that the Regt is also known as Regt Nuss, after the CO, 1st Col Nuss, who at the present time is on leave.

4. Morale

Good. Good food and limited tactical success is, according to PWs, a deciding factor in the general uplift of the morale of the German troops.

5. Supply

Ammo supply good. Riflemen carried on an average 60 rounds apiece, and even the 50 cal MGs were supplied with approx 1000 rds of ammo per 3 guns. Food supply is good. PWs state that food for the 937th Regt is prepared in Fleisweiler (1965737) and transported to Bn CP at Oberhofen via Burg Zabern and Wissembourg.

6. Enemy Installations

CP 245th Inf Div in Burg Zabern (7)  
Trains and kitchen of 1st Bn, 937th Regt in Fleisweiler at 1965737.  
CP 1st Co, 937th Inf at 1158461.  
CP 1st Bn, 937th Inf at 1376462.  
CP 937th Inf Regt in Finzenzert Hds, Wissembourg at 1568153.

7. Personalities

Unit	PW
Lt FIERA (WIA)	CO, 1st Co, 937th Inf 151572
Lt Groulich (Killed)	CO, 1st Bn, " " 15157A
1st Arndt (Killed)	Bn S-4
1st Col Nuss	CO, 937 Regt
Brig Gen SANDER	CG, 245th Div

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SIGNIFICANT ORDER OF BATTLE FACTS IN THE WEST, -- WEEK 1 -- 3 JANUARY 1942

1. WESTERN FRONT

a. General

By the end of the week a marked change of overall enemy attitude (defensive) in his salient emphasized the following significant Order of Battle facts.

- (1) No new divisions were committed in the penetration area and only one new division appeared on the entire Western Front (in Seventh US Army Zone)
- (2) The continued absence from the battle line of 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs, possibly the enemy's only mobile reserve in the area West of the RHINE.
- (3) An increasingly overall defensive attitude in the salient, supported by local offensive action that presages a probable withdrawal of major Panzer units.



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G-2 FISHBOWL REPORT

FROM: 122200 Jan 45  
TO: 132200 Jan 45  
By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
132400 January 1945

No. 187

Notes: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT AND OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GERSCHEN (1144), BUCHEN (1141), ASCHEN (1837), STERNHILL (1836), HUB (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 22200. In the bridgehead area: FT. LOUIS (2312), southern part of BUCHEN (1537), BUCHEN (1814), 110140, 100130 and GERSCHEN (1110).

b. Units in Contact: 21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gren Div; 1st Pz, 977th Regt, 245th VC Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VC Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF HALL): At beginning of period 3 enemy tanks were reported approaching HATTEN from the E. and were taken under arty fire. The road from 20720 to 221305 was reported heavily patrolled by the enemy and continuous traffic was heard on the BUEL - HATTEN road until 0800 hrs. Patrols of the 3rd Pz, 11th Inf, reported the bridge at 15029 being repaired and protected by one tank and estimated 35 infantry. This bridge was taken under arty fire during the morning and arty scored two direct hits on it around noon. 30 rounds of estimated 105mm arty fire believed coming from BUCHEN landed in 222nd Inf sector within 10 minutes at 2040 hrs. The 11th Arm Div attacked this morning and some progress was made in RITTERSHOFEN and our troops reached the 2nd Pz, 11th Inf which had been cut off for two days but was still holding part of HATTEN. Arty, mortar, small arms and tank fire was intense in both towns and enemy strongpoints are based in the town church areas. Two tanks were reported destroyed and two captured in RITTERSHOFEN by the 11th Arm Div. A pillbox vic 187307 was observed to have considerable activity and is probably a headquarters. Shortly after dark 20 vehicles were reported moving into HATTEN from the E. and heavy traffic was heard between ASCHEN and STERNHILL. Enemy air was again active with 3 Pz 190's reported at 1220 hrs, 4 ME 262's over at 1323 hrs, 2 ME 262's over at 1415 hrs and 2 ME 262's at 1505. The ME 262's bombed and strafed the 120232, SCHAEFFLER and GERSCHENHOFEN. At 2145 enemy troops in RITTERSHOFEN were reported launching a local counterattack.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Arty fire was sporadic during the night but an outpost of the 2nd Pz, 11th Inf was temporarily withdrawn due to pressure of an enemy combat patrol which attacked with grenades and MG's. Inf and vehicular movement was reported vic 149172. The enemy mining positions on E. bank of canal SW. of BUCHEN were taken under arty fire during the day and our troops in the area received some long range small arms fire. An arty air CB reported a boat in the RHINE RIVER moving W. at 13418 at 1100 hrs. Some arty and mortar fire was received at 209244 at 1440 hrs. BUCHEN (1831) and BUCHEN (1833) (2225) were reported clear during the afternoon by patrols. A 7 man enemy patrol was observed moving S. from BUCHEN (2128) at 1420 hrs. Enemy patrols were observed in front of the 31st Inf sector but they did not cross the AOKER RIVER. Arty fire increased somewhat in this sector during the day.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- PWs evacuated through FM: 11
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 3
- Total PWs to date: 23,787
- No tanks or vehicles reported destroyed by the Div during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, in Enclosure, Inf regt's, MAGNUS, U.
- 15th Div Sector: SS troops are offering tenacious opposition in vic LE FULDEKOPF (0/830). There is heavy enemy artillery fire in this area.

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1. ANNEX (CONT'D):

Pt. of 4th Co, 2nd Pan Sq, 7 Div was last with his unit at GNEBEN on 2 Sept, received a furlough and deserted. Pt of 1th Co, SS Inf Guard Bn was last with his unit on 3 Sept in vic JALLIB, near BERNLIN. PW of 1st Pursuit Sq West, 2nd Staff, was last stationed at an airport basing 12 Fw-190 pursuit planes at Stahn-GRAD in POMERANIA on 12 Sept. He received a furlough and deserted.

4. Morale: Good.

5. Supply: Good. Ammo and food supplies regular and adequate according to all PWs interrogated.

S-E-C-R-E-T

IF YOU LIVE, WHAT YOU MUST EXPECT AT THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMY IN THIS CRUEL MEN'S WAR

(The following are the experiences of Pfc EDWARD SNYDER, 3567477, Co "H", 517 Pch Regt who was captured on 27 Dec by seven Germans dressed in complete U.S. uniforms.)

On 27 Dec, one day after Companies "H" and "I" of 517 Parachute Regiment had taken MANNH, Pfc Snyder returning from an aid station in VALL CHATRA was approached by what he believed to be an American patrol coming from the SE. Nothing in their dress or weapons would have aroused the slightest suspicion. When they came abreast of him the one with sergeant's stripes asked, "Where are you going?" Snyder told him he was going into MANNH. Meanwhile, two others got behind him and stuck a rifle in his back and relieved him of his weapon. At least four of the seven spoke flawless English.

Snyder was taken to MANNH where he was questioned by an SS officer. He was asked his name, rank, serial number and regiment. He refused to give his regiment, whereupon the officer told him what it was. By various questions such as "Do you get along all right with the Armored troops?", the interrogator tried to learn what units were on the right and the left of 517 Parachute Regiment. He was very persistent in this effort and spent some time asking questions of a similar nature along the same vein.

After the interrogation was over Snyder was herded together with other American PWs from the 7th Armored Division. The Germans took whatever parts of clothing the PWs had that they wanted. An overcoat, two sweaters and one pair of the socks he was wearing were taken from Snyder. Others lost boots and various other items; all identification tags were taken. Each PW was given a blanket and compelled to sleep outside, under guard, alongside the buildings where American artillery was falling. With the exception of the guard, all Germans were in the cellars.

During the day, Snyder was compelled to clean the mess kits of the Germans as they finished eating; he had to clean up the rooms of the officers as well as the quarters of enlisted men. Whenever a German was killed or wounded by American fire, PWs would be kicked, slapped and spit on. This treatment was meted out by both SS troops and Volksgrenadier personnel.

When Snyder was first brought into MANNH on 27 December it was occupied by SS troops. He does remember the number 12. (This was probably 12th SS Division which was in the line vicinity of MANNH on 27 December.) On the night of 29-30 the SS troops were replaced by a Volksgrenadier unit. All PWs were turned over to this unit and the same treatment was received.

In the afternoon of 3 January, just before our tanks entered the town of MANNH, Snyder and other PWs managed to escape.

It is significant first of all that these PWs were permitted to live. Secondly, international rules of warfare are not only violated by SS troops but by the venerable Volksgrenadier Divisions. Thirdly, SS troops and the Volksgrenadier Divisions have American uniforms, equipment and rations. Snyder claims many patrols were sent out in American uniforms both by the SS and Volksgrenadier units. One patrol was gone four days operating behind our lines.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 132300 Jan 45  
TO : 142000 Jan 45  
Rq 74th Inf Div  
In the Field  
142000 January 1945

No. 158

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD
  - a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: GLEIBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STU-OWILLER (1836), EBNL (2039), eastern part of RITTSCHOFFEN (1532), eastern part of WATTEN (1833) and 222505.
  - b. In the Bridgehead Area: FT LOUET (2322); southern part of DUISSENHEIM (1517), NEHRLESHEIM (1214), 110140, 100130 and GAMBESHEIM (1110).
  - c. Units in Contact: 1st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 93rd Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary:
  - (1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Heavy attack in RITTSCHOFFEN which started at the beginning of the period was under control by 23rd Div. Only a slight gain was registered in the assault which was preceded by a heavy arty concentration, at least 2 enemy tanks were knocked out. Harassing arty fire was received during the night in the 3rd Bn, 343th Inf and 242nd Inf sectors. White phosphorous shells were fired in RITTSCHOFFEN. Patrols reported the bridge in INGOLSHHEIM guarded by the enemy although an arty air OP reported it passable only for foot troops. At 1900 hrs the enemy was reported attempting to repair the bridge and our arty started a program of harassing fire on it. The hill at 173005 was reported clear. Heavy fighting continued in RITTSCHOFFEN and WATTEN during the day with our troops making some progress in the latter town. At 2000 hrs tank were heard in ASCHBACH. Enemy air was again active with two ME 262's bombing via 1134 with AP bombs at 0915 hrs. An 8 second delay in explosion was reported. Three ME 262's bombed 1134 and 085342 between between 1143 and 1211 hrs. Two ME 262's were over the Div sector between 1500 and 1540 hours and bombings were reported in NIEBERBETSCHNOFF and SUNBOURG. Two of the planes were believed damaged by the 463rd A1 Bn. One ME 262 was believed shot down yesterday and to have landed in enemy territory. At 2200 hrs the enemy was apparently launching an attack in WATTEN.
  - (2) Bridgehead Area: Harassing arty fire fell in all our sectors during the night with some interdictory fire placed near bridge at 090138. Patrols reported a mine field between 096117 and 096121. One enemy patrol of approximately 25 men was reported driven back by CG B, 12th Arm Div, via 105145 at 0800 hrs, with at least one wounded and one killed. Later it was reported that this patrol might have slipped through the lines, but a search during the day was not fruitful. Some arty fire was received via 150215 at 1200 hrs. DUISSENHEIM and ROHRWILLER (1217) were shelled and the road between BIECHWILLER and ROHRWILLER was harassed by arty. Tanks of Co. "B", 47th Tz Bn, operating in the 314th Inf sector, knocked out two enemy tanks via 135156 at 1400 hrs. Patrols of the 242nd Inf engaged enemy patrols via 201217 and 215300 with unknown results. Another enemy patrol was also observed via 210234 at 1525 hrs. A 314th Inf patrol which crossed into southern part of DUISSENHEIM drew fire from 2 MGs which were silenced by our mortars. Enemy planes attacked the Div OP Co area in EBNLATH at 2000 hrs, dropping two 500 lb bombs resulting in one vehicle being damaged.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs evacuated through FM: 13.
- b. PWs evacuated through medical channels: 3
- c. Total PWs to date: 21,803
- d. 2 enemy tanks destroyed in Div sector during the period. Total enemy tanks knocked out to date: 125
- e. Location of CIC personnel: Div OP, Pz Enclosure, Inf Regts, BACHENAU.
- f. 45th Div Sector: Strongly defensive attitude in most part of sector substantiated by increased number of mines and booby traps. Heavy mortar and arty fire on all forward elements in area KARSCHENHOF-ALTRON-WILDENHOF-REEFACH (0800243). 2nd Bn, 12 SS Regt continues intense opposition via 479538. Company strong in counterattacks that area repulsed at 11434.

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strength of 160 men. PW states that the 1st Bn is now in Rittershoffen. PW estimates that the strength of the 2nd Bn, 119th Pz Gr Regt are also in Rittershoffen. PW estimates that the strength of the 2nd Bn is approx 200 men of which approx one-half are in Rittershoffen and the other half in Hatten. PW states that there are 20 tanks and assault guns in Rittershoffen of which approx 8 have been knocked out; and that there are approx 8 tanks and assault guns still active in Hatten. PW states that the armor in these two towns is all that is left of the Armor of both the 21st and 25th PG Divs.

The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the Rhine the night of 9-10 Jan coming from Scherzheim. PW states that the Bn, after two days, was sent to Herrlisheim which the Americans had evacuated. The Bn went into position along the western edge of the town. The 4th Co, has a strength of approx 150 men armed with 9 HMGs and 8-80mm mortars. PW states that one-half of the Bn is always in foxholes and trenches west of the town and the other half is in the town resting. PW has seen no tanks in Herrlisheim in the past two days, and did not know of any German armor in the Bridgehead area. The Bn strength is approx 500-600 men with each company having 2 officers. All personnel are former air raid wardens, firemen and various types of Government employees, most of the personnel have been in the unit, and the Army, since Nov 44.

Battle Group Moltke is a company sized unit of approx 110 men armed with 9 HMGs and rifles in position in Rittershoffen. Personnel was drawn from supply units and trains of the 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr Regt and organized 2 days ago. PW knew very little about the unit except that it was made up mostly of older personnel that ordinarily would be considered unfit for military service.

Hannibal III is a unit of Bn size which is probably under the control of the 245th VG Div. The Bn was organized approx one month ago in the vic of Darmstadt from members of the 118th Repl Bn and GAF personnel. 3 weeks ago the unit moved to Niederrotterbach with 4 Co's and a strength of 300 men, to the pillboxes in that vic. 8 days ago the Bn moved to Willier vic of Wissembourg and personnel were drawn from the 1st and 3rd Co's to bring the strength of the 2nd Co up to 80 men. The 2nd Co then was moved to position south of the town of Ingolsheim to take up a defensive position. PW believes that the remainder of the Bn has also moved down to the vic of Ingolsheim, since the Bn CP is now in Riedseltz. PW believes that a unit named Battle Group Siemens is on their west flank.

Ten of the twelve prisoners processed today were deserters, 7 of the 10 deserters were Poles who spoke little or no German and did not have much tactical information, although very eager to help the Allied cause.

4. Morale

Morale: Fair. PWs taken from Hatten and Rittershoffen state that the morale of the troops in these two towns has declined considerably since the fighting started, due mainly to heavy casualties and only limited or no tactical success in the past few days.

5. Supply

Supply generally good. PW of the 25th AT Bn states that both gas and ammo are very plentiful and can be drawn in any quantities needed. Food on Northern flank still very good, with PWs stating that a hot meal is usually served between 1700 and 1800 hours. Supply in bridgehead area is apparently poor. PW taken from the 2nd SS Police Regt states that the food received is usually frozen and when reheated very often is spoiled. The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt was brought across the Rhine with 35 rds per rifle and 300 rds per MG.

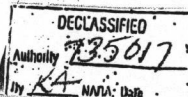
6. Miscellaneous

The 1st Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the Rhine on a ferry improvised from four pontoons covered with planking and towed by a heavy motorboat. PWs crossed during the night and could not identify the place of crossing. PW of the 25th AT Bn states that the 35th Pz Gr Regt has suffered very heavy losses and has been pulled out of line to be given a temporary rest in Niederroderm. PW states that the houses in Niederroderm all billet at least 3 soldiers and that the town has been shelled only occasionally during darkness. Hq Co, 25th AT Bn has three "Guderian" TDs (75mm, long barrel, on Mk IV chassis).

7. Enemy Installations

Listening Posts and Outposts with 2 men and MG at 15554440.  
 CP 2nd Bn, 192nd Pz Gr Regt 30 yds W of the church in Rittershoffen at 14113381.  
 CP 192nd Pz Gr Regt 50 yds W of church in Rittershoffen at 14113381.  
 75mm AT gun in position at 14854235.  
 CP 2nd Co, Hannibal III at 14914135.  
 CP Hannibal III in Riedseltz.





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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

FROM: 142200 Jan 45  
TO : 152200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
152400 January 1945

No. 189

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEEBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUEL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 221305.

In the Bridgehead Area: FT LOUIS (2322), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLISHEIM (1214), LUDAO, 100130 and GAMBESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st Bn, 20th Para Regt, 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): The enemy attack in HATTEN which began at the start of the period consisted of an unestimated number of infantry and 4 tanks. The attack was stopped by 2330 hrs, after the Germans had made some progress. During the night heavy traffic was reported moving from ASCHBACH and BUEL to HATTEN. Patrols also reported traffic from FORSTFELD (2228) to HATTEN by way of 222305 and from FORSTFELD to the East. The enemy in HATTEN resumed the attack, with infantry and flame throwing tanks, at 0450 hrs and made five attempts to advance before subsiding at 0645 hrs. The third attack of the period in the town was reported at 1450 hrs when an estimated bn of infantry attacked from the East, supported by tanks. The Germans made some gains but after the arrival of friendly tanks it appeared that the ground had been recovered by the end of the period. Fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN and at 1930 hrs our troops received a heavy barrage of mortar and arty fire. A patrol of the 3rd Bn, 313th Inf, killed 2 enemy vic 167352 at 1055 hrs. 20 rounds of heavy mortar fire fell in OBERROEDERN (1735) around noon. Patrols of the 242nd Inf received MG fire from vic 209313 and 200312. Vehicular traffic was reported going from BUEL to HATTEN at 2025 hrs.

(2) Bridgehead Area: HAGUENAU received heavy caliber arty fire during the night and ROHRWILLER received occasional medium battery concentrations as well as SP fire. A group of enemy observed between the canal and 091133 at 0800 hrs was taken under arty fire. DRUSENHEIM was shelled by a few rounds of mortar at 1000 hrs and some vehicular movement was heard in the southern part of town. At 1900 hrs vehicular activity was heard in the southern part of DRUSENHEIM and in HERRLISHEIM.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. PWs evacuated through PM: 5

b. Total PWs to date: 21,808

c. No enemy tanks destroyed during the period.

d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU.

e. 45th Div sector: Enemy activity decreased in ALTHORN - WILDENGUTH area as 257th Div apparently consolidated positions to a new eastern boundary after repul-  
lier of unknown elements of 6 SS Mtn Div. Strong counterattack vic 0815394 repul-  
sed at 1620 hrs but there are indications of renewal of attack in that area. Lo-  
cal counterattacks vic 0893435 at 1600 hrs and vic 0915435 at 1315 hrs repulsed.

f. A combat patrol of the 222nd Inf went looking for a fight this afternoon and found it. It ran across 20 Germans north of CLEEBOURG and in the ensuing fight 7 enemy were killed, 3 were believed to be wounded, and the remainder left in a hurry. The 222nd Inf patrol withdrew without casualties.

g. Weather Forecast: 16 Jan - Cloudy with light rain or snow by evening. Haze will restrict visibility which will reach 2-3 miles by 1200 hrs. Min Temp 32°.

17 Jan - Overcast with light rain in morning, but clouds breaking in afternoon. Visibility will improve to 6-8 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 25°.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. To attack on Northern Front with up to division strength.

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IPN ANNEX (Cont'd)

now located in Niederroderm in reserve for perhaps one more attack by the two armored type divisions. The two armored type divisions, according to PWs still have approx 20 tanks in Schlethal that can be repaired and ready for duty in the next two days, 8-10 tks and assault guns in Hatten that are active and approx 6 assault guns and tanks in Rittershoffen. Relief of any of the units of the 21st Pz and 25th Pz Gr Divs has apparently not yet been accomplished nor is it deemed feasible at the present time with the constant pressure that is brought to bear on these two towns. The entire 119th Pz Gr Regt is, according to PWs, still in the town of Rittershoffen with an approx strength of 300-350 men plus elements of the 20th Para Regt and elements of the 125th Pz Gr Regt and the 192nd Pz Gr Regt. In Hatten the 1st Bn, 20th Para Regt, elements of the 125th and 192nd Pz Gr Regts are in position with a strength approximately totaling 1000-1200 men including elements of the 25th AT Bn protecting the flanks of the town.

7. Enemy Installations

Class I DP in Freistatt at 14760751  
8th Co, 2nd SS Police Regt CP plus trains at 12921201.  
One Platoon of Inf plus MGs at 10011229  
2-2mm AA Guns at 12911259  
75 AT guns at 12451252 and 12201255  
From 14th AD PWs  
OPs at 19623501, 17873316, 17903410  
Div CP in Eberbach at 24103642  
One btry of 4-150mm Hows at each of the following places: 23103422  
22823443  
21983525  
2-3 Russian 122mm How at 22203390  
Mixed AAA Concentrations at 22233411 and 23803422.

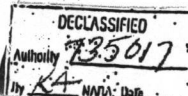
MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

The following is a translation of extracts from a document by the CO of the 915th VG Regt and was intended for the companies of his Regt to better their local security after he had made an inspection and found much to his dislike. The order was never received by the companies in BETENDORF as the runner with message was captured before he could make delivery.

Gren Regt 915  
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CRITIQUE OF POSITIONS # 2

2. At present basic tactic principles are not being observed. "Security Reconnaissance". Reason is to be carried out towards neighboring units as well as the enemy. Every soldier should know the way to his neighbor strong point in the dark. Security guards and outposts are to clear their field of observation in the direction of the enemy and not behind houses.
3. Co's and Bn's will be issued winter clothing. This is not to be issued but stored with the Co supply until the next attack. Articles for winter camouflage are to be taken out of destroyed houses.
4. "Haus Schwalberg" which is occupied by a squad of the 4th Co had no security out at 1800 hrs. This squad has sleeping quarters 500 meters away from Hv MG. The squad leader was not sufficiently instructed in the tactical use of his weapon and Lt Vogel has never been near the positions. I require more activity from my Co Commanders.
5. The squad which was supposed to provide security for the road along the shore was found partly sleeping and the others eating in their quarters. The squad leader is to be court-martialed and the men to be instructed in their battle assignments.
6. A horse drawn vehicle of the 8th Co was driving at 1930 along the road Tandel-Gilsdorf without an assistant driver. The driver did not know his destination. A short while later the vehicle ended up in the ditch. I order all vehicles which are driven after dark to have an assistant driver.
7. Because men of the 7th and 8th Co's were not billeted in cellars the Bn recently had 2 casualties. I order all CPs and Orderly Rooms to install themselves in basements.



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FROM: 152200 Jan 45  
TO : 162200 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
162400 January 1945

No. 190

MAPS: No Change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEENBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTENSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: FT. LOUIS (2322), DALHUNDEN (1819), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRELSHEIM (1214) and GAMESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 1st and 2nd Bn's, 20th Para Regt, 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Harassing arty fire was reported during the night. The volume of vehicular traffic seemed less than on previous nights. Some progress was made in HATTEN last night and during the day against stiff opposition but the enemy became more aggressive late in the afternoon. RITTENSHOFFEN received arty and mortar fire with less activity reported than in the past few days. Patrols of the 222nd Inf saw 4 enemy vic 145435 and 3 others vic 160403. In one 45 minute period prior to dawn 9 trucks moved from STEINSELTZ to REISELTZ. HOFFEN (1536) received heavy concentrations of mortar and arty fire during the afternoon with 300 rounds falling between 1150 and 1208 hrs. Mortar and arty fire fell vic 140414 and mortar fire was received at 148328 at 1645 hrs. The enemy counterattacked in HATTEN at 1710 hrs and heavy fighting was going on at the end of the period with an estimated 3 co's of Germans. The 315th Inf reported the enemy using a mortar estimated to be 180mm. Our MSR to HATTEN received 600 rounds of mortar and arty fire in addition to long range MG fire between dark and the end of the period. The 222nd Inf received long range MG fire from vic INGOLSHHEIM in addition to an increase in arty and mortar fire. ME-262's were active with strafing and bombing with AP bombs reported in NIEDERBETSCHDOEF and SCHWABWILLER plus 2 rockets fired into KUHLENDORF.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Traffic was reported vic FORSTFELD (2228) at 0035 hrs as well as some movement in the FT. LOUIS area. The 314th Inf received a very heavy arty counter preparation in its 2nd Bn sector beginning at 0130 hrs and in its 3rd Bn sector in lesser intensity after 0200 hrs. DRUSENHEIM and ROHRWILLER continued to receive arty and mortar fire during the day. An outpost of the 232nd Inf repulsed a 15 man patrol vic 177208 at 0200 hrs. An estimated enemy company attempted to move from DALHUNDEN to SESSENHEIM but was engaged at DRAGOLSHHEIM and forced back to its starting point. An outpost of the 242nd Inf withdrew temporarily when a combat patrol applied pressure at 204307. After dark vehicular activity was reported in the FORSTFELD area. The 12th Armd Div made advances vic 1012 and the F. anch were held up at the southern edge of BETTENHOFFEN (1009).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- PWs evacuated through PM: 27
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 21836
- No enemy tanks destroyed during the period.
- Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regt's, and HAGUENAU.
- 45th Div Sector: Enemy attack vic 811394 approx 1200 hrs developed into estimated 3 company effort against 157th Inf Regt. Initial attack was followed by heavy arty and mortar concentrations between 1300 and 1330 hrs. No change apparent in enemy dispositions in remainder of sector. Close contact maintained in ALTHORN - WILDENGUTH sector shows enemy remained defensive.
- P-47's made 90 sorties today in this sector hitting HERRELSHEIM, OFFENDORF, DALHUNDEN, NIEDERROEDERN, TRIMBACH, EBERBACH and SCHLIEBEL.

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4. Morale: Fair. PW states that the morale of the German men in HITTENSHOFFEN is low, but that the younger men still have much of the "Go or Die for Hitler" spirit. Morale of paratroops taken by 14th Arm Div in HITTENSHOFFEN and HITTEN during the period is high.

5. Supply: The supply situation in HITTENSHOFFEN is apparently poor. PW states that food has to be carried into the village from HATTEN by hand and that no food was received night of 15 Jan. Ammo supply is adequate.

6. PWs Taken during period by 14th Arm Div: The Div captured 4 Pws, 3 of whom were from the 1st Co, 20th Para Regt and were taken in HITTENSHOFFEN; the fourth was from the 5th Co, 20th Para Regt and was taken in HATTEN, thus identifying the 2nd Bn of the regt for the first time. The 2nd Bn arrived in this sector the night of 14 Jan and immediately received orders to attack HATTEN from the S on 15 Jan. PW estimates bn strength to be 350-400 men with each co having 80-100 men. Pws of the 1st and 2nd Bn's, 20th Para Regt were questioned as to whether they were to relieve the units of the 21st and 25th Div's; they knew nothing about the subject and it is unlikely that the two arm type div's will be relieved until more units of the 7th Para Div arrive in this sector. PWs stated that the 7th Para Div, when known as Div Erdmann, had 3 regt's of 3 bn's each with approx 36-75mm hows in div arty for support. PW of 1st Co said his unit has suffered heavy losses due to mortar and arty fire and that the co now had a maximum strength of approx 60 men.

Pws captured by 232nd Inf vic DALLHUNDEN (1921), not yet processed through the Div Cage, were from 6th Co, Bn Thomas. This bn crossed the RHINE with an estimated combat strength of 350 men divided into 4 co's. The bn crossed the river on 14 Jan at an old ferry site at 23182100 by means of a ferry made from a motor boat and pontoons. The entire bn went to DALLHUNDEN. On the night of 15 Jan a patrol was sent into DALLHUNDEN to determine whether or not the town was clear of American troops. The patrol reported the village clear and on the morning of 16 Jan the 6th Co was told to occupy it, but the co drew fire as it approached the village and was forced to withdraw to DALLHUNDEN. The PWs state that the bn - formed by the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Co's - was in the town of DALLHUNDEN last night. Its mission, as understood by the PW's, was to occupy the bridgehead, enlarge it and eventually join the bridgehead further S.

7. Enemy Installations:

Bridge at 21233406

3-150mm hows near DALLHUNDEN at 15684748

8. Miscellaneous: PW of 192nd IG Regt searched house formerly occupied by American troops for food since he was very hungry. He found some badly mangled k-rations and a few cigarettes, but was chased away by a lieutenant from an arm unit. He later saw the lieutenant coming out of the house smoking a cigarette, and upon inspecting the house again he found many k-rations.

9. Field Post Number

58699B

Unit

5th Co, 192nd IG Regt

Personnel

CO: Lt HOFMAN

1st CO: Capt BUSCH

Regt CO: Maj HUEZ

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TANK KILLERS (Source: 101st US A/B Div)

(During the fight around BASTOGNE from 18 Dec to 10 Jan the 101st US Airborne Div, 9th US Arm Div, 10th US Arm Div and 70th ID Bn, destroyed approximately 165 Tks and SP guns. All agencies were used to the fullest, among them bazookas. How they were employed is related in the following reports, based on these questions put to members of bazooka crews: Type of tank; Range when first engaged; Range when stopped; Number of rounds required; Position of tank with reference to bazooka when hit; Part of tank hit; Individual tactics used; Comments.)

1. "Infantry preceded by Tks approached our lines with the two Tks moving abreast under their own MG and cannon fire. The infantry was successfully en-

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By 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
172400 January 1945

No. 191

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEEBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1539), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 222305.

In the Bridgehead Area: ROESCHWOGG (2125), STATTMATTEN (1921), DENGOLSHHEIM (1821), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), northern part of HERRLISHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312), GAMBESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div, 1st and 2nd Bns of 20th Para Regt, 2nd Bn of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battlegroups under command of 553rd VG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Heavy traffic was again heard during the night. Medium to heavy volume of arty fire received along front during the night. Enemy patrols were active and forced our outposts to withdraw temporarily in some places. The 1st Bn, 315th Inf made some progress in its attack on RITTERSHOFFEN but met extremely stiff opposition and 500 rounds of mortar fire was received within the space of an hour and a half. Tank and mortar fire was heavy in HATTEN and the enemy exerted considerable pressure until a counterattack by our tanks succeeded in reducing it. RITTERSHOFFEN received its heaviest arty fire to date while the amount slackened in the HATTEN area. Patrols of the 22nd Inf reported an estimated platoon digging in from 108463 to 112460 at 1630 hrs. The 3rd Bn, 242nd Inf received 200 rounds arty fire vic 1821 between 1500 and 1600 hrs. The 827th TD Bn knocked out 2 enemy tanks and the 14th Armd Div accounted for several others.

(2) Bridgehead Area: Heavy mortar and arty fire was received at ROESCHWOGG at 2330 hrs and the outpost was forced to withdraw under infantry pressure shortly after. Patrols were active in the 314th Inf sector and wagon movement was also heard during the night. The enemy became aggressive in the DALHUNDEN (1519) area, and a bn of infantry supported by 6 tanks or assault guns borrowed from the armored units in the HATTEN area, occupied DENGOLSHHEIM (1821) STATTMATTEN (1921) and part of SESSENHEIM (1822). The Germans also entrenched along the Rh tracks vic 178208. Our counterattacking force cleared SESSENHEIM during the afternoon and took approximately 30 PWs and caused the enemy considerable casualties in a stiff fight. 2 of the tanks were knocked out by arty and 2 others were probably destroyed. By dark the enemy had been pushed back east of the Rh line. Patrols located 2 MGs and infantry at the mill vic 224284. ROHRWILLER received heavy concentrations of arty and mortar during the day. The 12th Armd Div made good progress during the day, capturing the southern part of HERRLISHEIM and taking nearly 300 PWs. One horsedrawn arty piece was knocked out vic 2223 at 1330 hrs by our arty. HAGUENAU received heavy caliber arty fire during the night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. PWs evacuated through PM: 11

b. Total PWs to date: 21,847

c. 4 enemy tanks destroyed during the period with 2 probables. One 2½ ton vehicle and one arty piece was also destroyed. Total enemy tanks destroyed to date: 129.

d. Location of CIC personnel: Div CP, PW Enclosure, Inf Regts, HAGUENAU.

e. 45th Div Sector: Enemy offered stiff resistance to our advance vic Q802390. Numerous strong probing actions initiated in Q8139 grid square and some infiltration reported vic Q810389. Patrol to CLIMBACH (R0246) reports town clear but estimated company digging in along edge of woods N of town.

f. Weather Forecast: 18 Jan - Cloudy throughout day with scattered snow squalls. Visibility 1-2 miles in haze in morning improving to 3-4 miles in afternoon. Min Temp: 15°.

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The Bn has not been seen since. Bn strength is estimated at 360 men plus Bn Hq and trains, for a total of approx 440 men. Officer PW has heard that a 3rd Bn is now being formed, along with a 13th and 14th Co. The 6th Co, 21st Para Regt, pointed the attack and according to PWs had a strength of approx 55 men when it withdrew to the original assembly area. 6th Co, originally had 70 men, which were divided into two rifle platoons and a mortar squad with one 81mm mortar (called mortar platoon). The 5th Co, also participated in the attack and suffered approx 15-20 casualties of an original 55 men and is organized the same as the 6th Co, with the one difference being that the mortar squad has 2 81mm mortars. The 7th Co, according to PWs, stayed in the assembly area. It has a strength of 80 men organized the same as the 6th Co. The 8th Co, a heavy company, with 6 HMGs and 6-80mm mortars, was in general support.

The 7th Co, 19th Para Regt, is in ROESCHWOOG. The company attacked pillbox vic 209246 with a strength of 16 men. 2 of the 16 were killed, 10 severely wounded and captured, and 4 were captured in one piece. None of the PWs have seen the other Co's of the Bn but believe them to be somewhere in the ROESCHWOOG area. PWs believe that the Regt had only 2 Bns, but one PW heard of a 9th and 10th Co and has friends in a 14th AT Co which has 50mm AT guns. The 1st Bn of the 19th Para Regt was last seen in HOLLAND on the 19th of December.

4. PWs Captured by 14th Armored Division

PWs were captured during the period by the 14th AD from the 1st and 5th Co's 20th Para Regt, 2nd Co, 125th Recn Bn, and 1st Co, 192nd Pz Gr Regt. PW of the 125th Pz Recn was captured vic of FORSTFELD by patrol of the 232nd Inf. PWs state that they were patrolling area between NIEDERRODERN and FORSTFELD and that they had heard that they were to be relieved by a Para unit. PW of the 1st Co, 20th Para Regt was captured in WITTERSHOFFEN where PW estimated that 2 Co's of his Bn were located there with a combined strength of approx 125 men. PW of the 5th Co, 20th Para Regt was captured in HATTEN. PW states that the entire Bn attacked HATTEN from the south with support of Engrs and tanks. PW states that the company lost 30 men and one officer in the attack and that the rest of the companies of the Bn suffered similar losses. One PW states that the regt has 3 Bns.

5. Miscellaneous

It seems likely that the upgrading of the Div Erdmann to 7th Para Div is not entirely completed. No definite proof that the regts of the div have 3 Bns each has been evidenced, although several reports of the 3rd Bn being formed have been noticed. The 21st Para Regt, according to documents listing the code names of the units, has only 8 companies plus a 15th Co (Engr Co). According to documents and officer PW interrogated, the 21st Regt was supported in HOLLAND by the 389th Hvy AA Bn which, according to officer, was a substitute for Div arty. There have been no concrete evidences of the Div having organic artillery. None of the PWs of the 21st Para Regt have seen members of the Bn Thomas in DALHUNDEN. PWs of all Para units interrogated knew nothing of the bridgehead vic DRUSENHEIM - GAMB-SHEIM except what they heard over the radio. Officer PW stated that the eventual aim of the attacks vic SEESSENHEIM-AUENHEIM by the 7th Para Div might be to link up with the bridgehead. Again nothing concrete along these lines could be determined. A total of 32 men plus some wounded were taken prisoner from the 5th, 6th 7th, 15th Co's and 2nd Bn Hq, 21st Para Regt, vic SEESSENHEIM. PW of the 70th Nebelwerfer Regt was Alsatian deserter on furlough. His unit is in LITHUANIA.

6. Enemy Installations

- 2 - 75mm AT guns at 184195
- 2 HMGs at 18501961
- 4 Pillboxes occupied by enemy at 18302203
- 81mm AA-AT gun at 30802432

7. Supply and Morale

Supply good, ammo plentiful. Morale of Paratroops very high, personnel very security minded and required lengthy interrogation.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE ITEMS

Morale: When our Psychological Warfare broadcast, inviting surrender, was directed at members of Stomach Bns, it could also be heard by members of alms of 17th SS Pz Gr Div. To close of period no effect was observed among Stomachers, but 17 SS Div alms responded vigorously with attempt to ambush US trps and shelling of Regt 1 GP from whose sector broadcast came. Prior to broadcast 4 deserters had entered our lines from 17 SS Div. (44th Div)

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SIGNIFICANT ORDER OF BATTLE FACTS IN THE WEST - WEEK 8 - 15 JANUARY 1945

1. WESTERN FRONT

a. General.

The past week of intensified enemy defensive fighting was highlighted by the following significant Order of Battle facts:

- (1) The enemy has apparently written off his ARDENNES salient.
- (2) No new division was committed on the entire WESTERN FRONT, and for the second consecutive week no new division was committed in the dwindling penetration area.
- (3) Continued lack of contact with 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs may indicate they are being hoarded for another offensive gamble in an effort to retain the initiative.
- (4) Further indications of a possible build-up in the SAARLAUTERN (Q2880) - SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area.

b. Intensified Defensive Attitude

The marked intensification of the enemy's defensive attitude throughout the shrinking ARDENNES salient indicated that he has written it off as far as any further adventuring there is concerned. It was a gamble and to the extent that it enabled him to seize the initiative and to unhinge the Allied offensive he scored a major strategic victory. Now, he is engaged in trying to milk as much profits out of the terrain he overran by selling space for time as expensively as possible. All indications point to his endeavoring to effect a stalemate in salient on a defensive line on the favorable terrain extending NE from HOUFFALIZE (P6172) to ST VITH (P8588).

c. Lack of Reinforcements.

Not one division was contacted in the WEST during the week. Further, for the second consecutive week enemy forces in the penetration area had to be content with makeshift reinforcements shuttled from less threatened sectors. Despite continued heavy battle attrition, no new divisional reinforcements were produced. The enemy units in the ARDENNES salient had to fight it out with what could be scraped together for them from forces already committed. In other words, they had to "make their own grease". Two reasons may underlay this situation. One, the enemy may not have any available reserves he can spare, or two, he may be husbanding them in preparation for another offensive thrust.

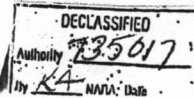
d. Mobile Reserve

The continued absence from the battle line of 10 SS and 11 Pz Divs ties in directly with this situation. This determined hoarding of his only fit mobile reserve appears to have a two-fold purpose: (1) to keep at hand a mobile reserve to oppose an Allied offensive, and (2) to employ this reserve as the spearhead of another penetration attempt in an effort to retain the initiative.

e. Possible Build-up Area.

Tac/R and ground reports indicate a definite build-up in the SAARLAUTERN (Q2880) - SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area. Heavy movements from vic TRIER (L2129) to MERZIG (Q2094) also was reported. No identifications have been obtained, but everything points to preparations for aggressive operations. Numerous factors favor that. In the SAARBRUCKEN (Q4671) area the enemy already has a bridgehead which could be exploited to good advantage in a new offensive. The SAARLAUTERN area has an excellent road and rail network, a large and well-covered assembly region, and not over 40 miles to go to reach METZ. Finally, this is only campaigning-ground for the enemy. The sector was the scene of his major effort in 1940 and there are great tactical, economic and psychological prizes to be won by a successful "gamble" in LORRAINE.





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On Eastern Front and Bridgehead Area: FORSTFELD (2228), BIESCHWOLZ (2125), SESSENHEIM (1822), 175205, southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRISHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312), GAMBESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 20th Para Regt, 2nd Bn of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 937th Regt, 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd Div.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention:

10 SS Panzer Div "FRUNDSEBERG". Recent information from higher Hq places the 10 SS Pz Div in the KAISERLAUTERN area. Persistent PW statements to the effect that they saw SS troops in rear areas and that after having pushed through the hills (S of REIPERTSWILLER), they will be followed up by a Mtz or Pz Div may lend credibility to this information. One PW mentioned the 10 SS Div "FRUNDSEBERG" as one of the units destined to attack in the REIPERTSWILLER salient. However, none of the PWs seem to have any definite knowledge of any unit.

This Div was formed in SW FRANCE during the winter 1942/43 and was first committed in the NORMANDY campaign where it suffered heavy casualties, following which, in Oct 1944, it was withdrawn to GERMANY for reorganization. The Div was next identified by the Second British Army in HOLLAND towards the middle of November. Withdrawn from the line early in December the Div was believed to be held in immediate reserve in HOLLAND until the middle of Dec., when it was believed to have become part of the 6 SS Pz Army, forming at that time, but the fact that this Army was committed during the first days of the German counteroffensive without 10 SS Pz Div might indicate that Div, in fact, was no part of the 6th SS Pz Army. The exact location of the Div was never definitely established since its withdrawal from HOLLAND, though various reports placed the Div first in the KARLSRUHE area, in the center of the German salient on First US Army front and in the COLOGNE area.

Present effective combat strength of Div is estimated to be 6000 plus about 80 tanks. The Div is composed of 21 and 22 PGR, both having 3 bns each, plus a 13th (Inf How) and a 14th (AT Co) Cos. The 10 SS Pz Regt is believed to have 3 bns. 10 SS Arty Regt, according to all available evidence, is also composed of 3 bns. When last contacted, the Div was supported by 2 Fortress Mg Bns. In addition to the 2 PGRs, the Pz Regt and the Arty regt, the organic units of the div are: 10 AA Bn, 10 AT Bn, 10 Sig Bn, 10 Rcn Bn, 10 Engr Bn, 10 Assault Gun Bn, 10 Field Repl Bn, 10 Med Bn, Div Services. According to latest information, Div commander is Col (OBERFUEHRER) HARMEL. (VI Corps).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): At the beginning of the period 3 white parachute flares were observed fired in the vicinity of our front lines, which were immediately followed by enemy TOT on HUNSPACH (1539). Traffic in the ASCHBACH - STUNDWILLER area decreased and arty fire during the night was not as heavy as usual. Enemy patrols were active in the 242nd Inf sector. The enemy staged a small attack of infantry supported by one tank in HATTEN at 0645 hrs, another at 1545 hrs which was stopped by arty, and the final one of the period with tanks and infantry at 2000 hrs that was contained by 2100 hrs. The enemy withdrew slightly in RITTERSHOFFEN to a better defensive position and one 315th Inf patrol killed 8 Germans running out of a burning building and another patrol captured 4 PWs. The 827th TD Bn reported knocking out 3 Mk IV tanks in the HATTEN area today. An early evening patrol of the 313th Inf reported ASCHBACH clear of enemy as it patrolled the town.

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IPW ANNEX (Cont'd)

2. Unit Organization, Strength and Disposition

Co A/33, formerly known as Co Wimmer, Bn Hoppe was virtually destroyed in its first attempt to take STATTMATEN. Co went across the RHINE to be reorganized, and received repl from the 5th Drivers Repl Tng Bn in RASTATT. Co again came to the west side of the RHINE on the 17th of Jan, crossing at 233210 after which the entire company went to ROPPENHEIM. PW states that the entire Bn Hoppe has been reorganized with a strength of approx 250 men divided into three Co's all of which are at the present time in ROPPENHEIM. The 3 Co's of the Bn are A/34, also known as Co Starke, A/33 also known as Co Wimmer and Co Menzel which is probably known as Co A/35. 9 men of Co Wimmer were sent on a patrol from ROPPENHEIM with the mission of determining whether or not LEUTENHEIM was clear of enemy forces. PW states that the patrol lost its way and went to KAUFFENHEIM where, according to PWs, one man was killed and 8 captured. One of the captured men was seriously wounded. PW states that the entire Bn is in ROPPENHEIM and that the mission of their Co was to hold the town.

The 3rd Co, 2nd SS Police Regt crossed the RHINE from SCHERZHEIM on the night of 14/15 Jan with a strength of 120 men. Company went to the town of HERRLISHEIM and took up positions at 125154. PW states that the 4th Co is on their right flank. Co suffered heavy losses in yesterday's attack and medical PW treated 65 wounded from 3rd Co. Personnel of the Co were all over 35 yrs of age and were ready to surrender but were prevented by their First Sergeant who constantly promised that the company was to be relieved. The Co CP in HERRLISHEIM was destroyed and the Co CO was badly wounded or killed. The SS Police units were supported by 3 75mm Assault Guns which were last known to be in position at 125114/96. Kitchen and trains of the Bn have not crossed the RHINE and are still located in SCHERZHEIM.

PWs of the Convalescent Co, 317th Inf, 211th Inf Div stated that the Div had been badly mauled on the East Prussian front and was now being reorganized in various towns of WEST PRUSSIA into a Volksgrenadier Division. PWs stated they received furloughs to LANDAU, made their way south through WISSEMBOURG, ROET and CLEEBOURG to desert to the American forces at 108441. PW states that the German line is thinly held in this sector and that he saw only three German soldiers between BERG ZABERN and the American front lines. PW claims that German line runs from cemetery south of CLEEBOURG (113444) north to river and along river to road at 107451. PW spoke to civilians in WISSEMBOURG who claimed that the bridge in that city was heavily used at night.

PW of the Trains, 3rd Bn, 20th Para Regt states that the 3rd Bn was formed in HOLLAND in Dec with an approx strength of 600 men. 35 belonged to Bn trains, 15 men each to the 4 rifle co's, and approx 40-50 men to Bn HQ. The remainder of the 600 were distributed amongst the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Cos which would give them an approx strength of 115 men each. PW is unfamiliar with the organizational setup of the 4 Co's of the Bn, but says that the entire Bn is committed in the vic of RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN. PW was sent out from vic of MOTHERN to RITTERSHOFFEN to pick up a civilian car that was in that town. The car broke down and PW lost his way and wandered into American arms. The entire Bn arrived from HOLLAND vic of GERMERSHEIM approx 8 days ago and that the trains arrived vic MOTHERN on the 12th of Jan. The Bn was committed on 14 Jan and according to PW has been in line since that date.

PWs of the 2nd Bn, 21st Para Regt were reinterrogated but several pertinent questions as to overall objective and possible employment of the 25th PGR Div in conjunction with 19th and 21st Para Regts in a combined attack to join bridgehead vic GAMESHEIM - DRUSENHEIM remained unanswered. Officer PWs knew nothing more of the bridgehead then had been announced over the radio by German stations and knew of no other objective than taking SESSENHEIM and holding it. Engr PWs of the 15th Co, 21st Para Regt, who were attached to the 2nd Bn carried T mines which were to be laid to secure western approach to the town. However it is likely that officers captured would not know of final mission of the attack, and that these initial attacks are merely maneuvering to gain more advantageous jump off points.

3. MORALE

Morale of the PWs from Co Wimmer and 2nd SS Police Regt low. PWs were all older men and entirely dissatisfied with their life at the front. PWs of the 19th and 21st Para Regts were extremely well indoctrinated in "all the good Nazi ideals" and of a good age group. PWs morale in the latter units is exceptionally high and remained high even after capture.



# THE BETTENDORF RAID

During the first days of January 1945 Div patrols had repeatedly crossed the SAUER RIVER and made contact with the enemy despite adverse weather and terrain conditions. However, they had been unable to capture any prisoners and it became imperative to identify the units on our front, as the enemy was, at that time, known to be shifting his dispositions in the salient. On 7 Jan 45, 4 civilians from the town of BETTENDORF (Pyl43) crossed the River into the Div area with information about the town and its garrison. It was decided that the information that they brought was sufficient to insure the success of a strong raiding party with the mission of entering BETTENDORF, capturing prisoners and testing enemy defenses.

A detailed air-photo study of the town and its surroundings was made by the Div PI Team, and an accurate and up to date town plan of BETTENDORF scale 1/3300, was drawn up and reproduced in sufficient quantity to furnish copies to all concerned in the raid. The civilians from BETTENDORF were subjected to a very detailed interrogation by the Div MII Team and with the use of the town plan, the pin-point location of the enemy's CP's, defensive positions, and lines of communication were located in addition to valuable terrain information. The results of these intelligence studies were forwarded to the 10th Infantry on 8 Jan and a personal terrain reconnaissance was made during the daylight hours on 9 Jan by the CO and staff of the 3rd Bn, 10th Inf and the patrol leader, 1st Lt Wilfred Longpre, Co "L", 10th Inf. It was decided that the composition of the raiding party should consist of the 1st Plat of Co "L" and a mortar observer with an SCR 300 radio. In addition to the TE equipment, the patrol was to be equipped with tommy guns and snow suits. The patrol was briefed on the afternoon of 9 Jan, by the Bn CO, Lt Col Shipley, and each man's mission was thoroughly explained, rehearsed and illustrated on the plans and charts available.

At approximately 0200 hrs 10 Jan the raiding party crossed the SAUER RIVER in assault boats vic P908424, then circled to the west of town to reach the telephone lines, which they cut, thereby isolating the town's garrison. The patrol split into two groups, each with its assigned mission to attack all houses that had been reported as occupied by the enemy. One patrol attacked the CP and after wiping out all resistance around the building, threw fragmentation and concussion grenades into the cellar, resulting in shouts and screams from the occupants. They then proceeded to the S of town where they posted themselves to secure the right flank of the other group. The other group had, in the meantime, subjected a large enemy installation to the grenade treatment and had captured two prisoners. The raiding party had reassembled by 0420 hrs when they crossed the river over a partially demolished bridge. Several TOT's were laid on BETTENDORF by Div Arty as soon as the raiding party had cleared the town.

During this action the raiding party sustained no casualties and inflicted losses of an estimated 20 killed, capturing 3 PWs from the 3rd Co, 915th VG Regt, 352nd VG Div. One of these prisoners was bearing the critique of defensive positions by the Regt's CO who had made an inspection of the defenses of BETTENDORF the preceding day. Members of the raiding party were in complete accord with the Regt's Comdr's criticisms and further pointers and suggestions were delivered to the BETTENDORF garrison through Field Artillery channels on 13 Jan 45, two rounds loaded with attached leaflets being dropped on all enemy CP installations revealed by PW interrogation.

## Lesson

The success of this raid was greatly enhanced by thorough preparation on the part of all echelons. Particular emphasis was placed on pin-pointing the enemy installations, securing necessary equipment, thorough ground reconnaissance and detailed briefing of patrol members. Similar preparation for future patrols should insure comparable results and minimum casualties.

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It must be remembered that enemy, particularly the 915 VG Regt which we have needled twice in the last 48 hours, may also prepare successful raids. Outpost consisting of 4 Officers and 17 EM of the the 4th US Inf Div was wiped out vic L1235 by enemy raiding party night of 12/13 Jan 45. Small outposts should not remain in same building, cellar or locality but should be shifted periodically to avoid similar ambush. This is particularly true if outpost positions have been observed during daylight hours. (source; 5th Div) (TUSA)

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FROM: 182200 Jan 45  
TO : 192000 Jan 45  
Hq 79th Inf Div  
In the Field  
192400 January 1945

No. 193

Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: On Northern Front: CLEBBOURG (1144), INGOLSHHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUHL (2035), eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and 22205.

On Eastern Front and Bridgehead Area: FORSTFELD (2228), LEUTENHEIM (2127), ROESCHNOOG (2125), SESSENHEIM (1822), BOIS DE SESSENHEIM (1720), DRUSENHEIM (1517), 143173, 130168, 085145 and 075125.

b. Units in Contact: Elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div; 20th Para Regt, 1st and 2nd Bns of 19th Para Regt and 2nd Bn of 21st Para Regt of 7th Para Div; 1st Bn, 22 SS Pz Gr Regt of 10th SS Pz Div, 1st Bn and Bn SCHINDLER of 937th Regt of 245th VG Div; Battle groups under command of 553rd VG Div.

c. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention: With the commitment of four of his better type divisions (21st Pz, 25th Pz Gr, 7th Para and 10th SS Pz) there can be no doubt that the enemy has now focused his attention on ALSACE rather than the ARDENNES. The recapture of ALSACE by the enemy would not only be a military victory but a political plum as well since the Germans consider this territory as an integral part of the Third Reich. With such importance placed on this sector it can be assumed that the enemy will reinforce his troops now engaged. Logical candidates for movement to this area are divisions that have disengaged themselves from the former ARDENNES salient. The 11th Pz Div, temporarily located via TRIER, remains the only complete Panzer division that has not been committed.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary:

(1) Northern Front (TF WAHL): Vehicles using headlights were observed moving from OBERSEEBACH to ASCHBACH to STUNDWILLER during the night. Harassing arty fire continued to fall during the hours of darkness. Some infantry movement was heard in HATTEN at 0100 hrs and again at 0615 hrs, but our arty fire quickly quieted this. The enemy attacked with tanks and infantry in the town at 0800 hrs and the assault was repulsed without loss of ground by 0930 hrs. During this time it was estimated that the Germans used 3000 rounds of mortar, arty and tank fire. The tanks remained active until noon. The enemy remained alert in RITTERSHOFFEN to all of our attempts to advance or patrol. The 312th FA Bn reported knocking out 2 enemy tanks and the 310th FA Bn reported knocking out another. A 242nd Inf outpost vic 200310 with reinforcements dispersed a 50 man patrol at 1500 hrs.

(2) Eastern Front (TF LINDEN) and Bridgehead Area: ROHRWILLER (1217) was attacked from the SW by a battalion of infantry shortly before midnight but were repulsed prior to dawn. The enemy resisted stubbornly in SESSENHEIM and the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM with small arms and tank fire this morning. The enemy probed with some success in the 12th Armd Div sector during the afternoon but at a heavy cost in tanks. The 12th Armd Div reported knocking out 16 enemy tanks, including 2 German operated Shermans, in its right sector and 6 inch howitzers destroyed 3 others west of HERRLISHEIM and DRUSENHEIM and a build-up was apparent during the day. The enemy attacked the Northern part of DRUSENHEIM from the NE, S and SW at 1930 hrs with an estimated two bns of infantry, supported by several tanks. By the end of the period DRUSENHEIM was surrounded and the 2nd Bn, 314th was in the process of fighting its way out. At 1820 hrs a low flying enemy plane dropped one bomb vic HAGUENAU.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- PWs evacuated through PM: 14
- PWs evacuated through medical channels: 1
- Total PWs to date: 21,923.

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IFW ANNEX (Cont'd)

try from B.G. von Leowen, at western outskirts of ASCHBACH vic 179373. B.G. is divided into 4 platoons of 15-20 men and 3 HMGs each.

4th Co, 21st Pz Rgn, 21st Pz Div. 21st Pz Rgn Bn was on line north of RITTERSHOFFEN. PW claimed entire Bn has been relieved an SS Armored Div or SS Pz Gr Div. 21st Pz Rgn Bn:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Cos are scout car co's, with 15-20 scout cars each and also 50-100 men each. 4th Co, is a Hvy Co - 3 Plats, 100 men.

1-Engr Plat - 10 Scout Cars

2-AT Plat - 3-75mm AT guns

3-Cannon Plat - 3 short, 75mm Hows mounted in half-tracks.

PWs in the process of relief, wandered into our lines and were captured. PWs saw 15 damaged tanks being moved out of town and 5 in the town burned out. PW talked to paratroopers who claimed their mission in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN was merely defensive.

2nd Co, 21st Pz Rgn, according to PW, left RITTERSHOFFEN and is now in NIEDERR-ODEERN. PW captured was evacuating wounded in a half track with PWs of the 4th Co. Rumor has it that the entire 21st Pz Div is to be relieved and reconstituted. Both companies reported heavy casualties in men and material from arty fire.

The 5th Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt has lost 50-70 men vic HATTEN - RITTERSHOFFEN and has been combined with the 6th Co. PW states that the total strength of the two combined companies is now approx 50-60 men. 2nd Bn, 125th Pz Gr Regt strength estimated at 115 men all defending the southeastern part of the town of RITTERSHOFFEN. PW states that they are to be supported by para. troopers and Waffen SS. PW has suffered approx 60-70% losses and believes losses are similar in the other Bn of the regt.

The 14th AD captured prisoners from the 3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt during the period. PW states that the 3rd Co has an approx strength of 75 men and for the past 6 days has been protecting the south flank of HATTEN. 3rd Co, 125th Pz Gr Regt is in position at 17903212. PW believes the entire Bn is in a defensive position there.

PWs of the 1st Co, 22nd SS PGR, 10 SS Div Frundsberg were captured by the 12th AD vic ROHRWILLER. PWs stated that the entire 1st Bn, 22nd SS PGR attacked direction ROHRWILLER with a mission of securing a bridgehead across the ZORN RIVER there to pave the way for a later armored attack. The 1st Bn, 22nd PGR crossed the RHINE RIVER vic of FREISTATT on the 16th of Jan and remained in the woods until 18 Jan they then advanced on ROHRWILLER through HERRLESHEIM. PWs estimate that at least the 1st and 2nd Bns 22 PGR were across the RHINE. Last known location of the 3rd Bn was in the towns of MUSEBACH and GUMBLINGEN where they were billeted on 16 Jan. PW states that the mission of the Div is to advance and take objective approx 10 km from the RHINE RIVER after which time they were to be relieved by a Volksgrenadier Div in the 240 series. The 1st Bn, 22nd PGR is in position east of ROHRWILLER with the 2nd Co on the south flank, the 3rd Co in the center and the 1st Co on the north flank. The 1st Co has an approx strength of 100 men divided into three platoons of which two platoons are rifle platoons and the third platoon is a HMG platoon having 3 HMGs. The 4th Co is a heavy company with 4-75mm AT guns and approx 6-8mm mortars. The Bn combat strength is approx 450 men. The 1st Bn, 22nd SS PGR had radio communication with a para unit on the north flank. PW says there are two regiments in the Div each regt having 3 Bns. All bns are approx 400-500 men strong, excluding bn trains and supply units. All PWs agreed that the division has a total of approx 90 tanks which are almost equally divided amongst Mark V and Mark VI types. PWs disagreed on whether or not these tanks were organized into two or three Bns.

PW of the 2nd Co, 116th Pz Bn, was an Alsatian deserter who was last with his unit in KREFELD (RUHR) on 1 Dec. PW states that the Division was being reorganized at the time he deserted.

4. Morale

Morale of the PWs of the 125th Pz Gr Regt was fair. Morale of SS troops good. PWs feel they are about to spring a trap on the Americans in ALSACE.

5. Miscellaneous

One PW of the 125th Pz Gr Regt states that there are rumors of being relieved by a Waffen SS Div. The 1st Bn of the 22nd SS Pz Gr Regt assembled and crossed the Rhine in the vic of FREISTATT. PW states that FREISTATT is the focal point of the Divs operation and would make a good air target.



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S - 2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 102100 Jan 45  
To : 112100 Jan 45  
HQ 242D INFANTRY  
In The Field  
11 Jan 45

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Maps: Seltz 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines

On northern front: CLEEBURG - INGOLSHEIM - ASCHBACK - STUNDWILLER - BUHL; eastern part of HATTEN, eastern part of RITTERSHOFFEN. Bridgehead area FT. LOUIS - southern part of DRUSENHEIM, HERRLISHEIM, OFFENDORF, GAMBSHEIM.

b. Units in Contact

21st Pz Div; 25th Pz Gr Div  
Battle groups under command of 553 VG Div  
2d Bn, 125 Pz Gr Regt  
125th Armd Rcn Bn fr the 25th Pz Gr

c. Units capable of intervention

Five Bns of Inf and 30 tanks, mostly Panthers

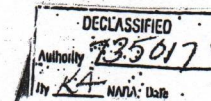
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - Enemy fires on RITTERSHOFFEN sporadic throughout the night. Rear areas drew harassing fire. 3d Bn front quiet throughout period with occasional snelling. Aggressive and active patrolling by the 3d Bn and by the Enemy. One enemy sniper shot out of a tree by an expert rifleman in front of the outpost line of Co I. 2d Bn withdrawn from RITTERSHOFFEN to assemble in NIEDERBETSCHDORF for reorganization at 0800. Infiltration was necessary because of heavy arty fire in town and on the road running W. Hastily assembled and reorganized they were ordered to prepare positions on the east side of NIEDERBETSCHDORF. The 1st Bn was relieved at HATTEN, arrived in NIEDERBETSCHDORF at 110610, were hastily reorganized and ordered to prepare positions in conjunction with the 2d Bn. The enemy infiltrated into RITTERSHOFFEN, succeeding in deepening his wedge in our line. At least 4 tanks followed Inf into the town and house fighting continued throughout the period with the enemy holding a position of the E and NE sector of the village. Fighting in HATTEN continued with the enemy controlling the E and NE sector of the village. Four Mark IV tanks, 1 armd car, 1 scout car, were destroyed by our TDS in HATTEN. The enemy entrenched on the high ground N of RITTERSHOFFEN. Armored personnel carriers were employed to convey infantry into HATTEN where they unloaded. PWs state that they were detrucked in what is believed to be STUNDWILLER and their attack was launched from there under heavy arty concentration up the draw N of HATTEN with the high ground N of RITTERSHOFFEN as their objective. Tanks followed the infantry and were used piecemeal until 1600. Half-tracks mounting 20 mm cannon AA furnished local security for the tanks in town. At 1600 the enemy launched an attack with 8-10 tanks firing point blank at each house on down the street. This attack gained control of most of RITTERSHOFFEN. Many arty concentrations were placed on the town and roads leading in and out.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

PWs - none. Attacking enemy personnel wore white capes with several tanks painted white. Half tracks were also painted white. PW's to date - 59. Tks destroyed - 4 (By Regt).





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4. CAPABILITIES
- a. To continue his attack in the morning with greater pressure and endeavor to break through to NIEDERBETSCHDORF.
  - b. To continue attack against HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN to secure both towns.
  - c. To continue attack W ~~xxx~~ leaving containing forces in both towns, making a clean break through.
  - d. Of the three capabilities mentioned a is favored.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 112100 Jan 45  
To : 122100 Jan 45  
HQ 242D INFANTRY  
In The Field  
12 Jan 45

No. 4

Maps: Seltz, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy front Lines

On northern front: CLEEBOURG-INGOLSHEIM-ASCHBACK-STUND-  
WILLER-BUHL- east part of HATTEN, eastern part of  
RITTERSHOFFEN.

b. Units in Contact

21 Pz Div; Pz Gr Div  
Battle groups under command of 553 VG Div  
125th Armd Rcn Bn fr the 25 Pz Gr.  
119th Pz Inf Regt of the 25 Pz Gr Div - HATTEN

c. Units capable of intervention

5 Bns of inf and approx 30 tanks - mostly Panthers

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - 1st and 2d Bns generally quiet with occasional  
arty fire near their positions continued preparation of defensive  
positions with active patrolling. The 3d Bn generally quiet with  
sporadic fire from arty and direct fire weapons. One round fr  
an AT gun (probably AP) passed through the CP. Outpost of Co L  
shot up a 4 man patrol, killing two, capturing one, with one es-  
caping. Considerable traffic was observed on road running SE  
fr HATTEN, men in white uniforms, singly and in pairs moved both  
ways on the road throughout the afternoon. A motor cycle msgr  
made 3 trips into HATTEN between 1430-1630. At 1630 2 trucks and  
a car moved W towards HATTEN using the NIEDERROEDERN road. Arty  
fire forced them to withdraw. Fog hid this road until 1530.  
At 1600 a white tank moved W on this road and disappeared towards  
HATTEN. Arty fire called for was too late. Several more ~~cars~~  
cars and trucks moved both ways on this road after 1600. At 1615  
three enemy appeared at location of disabled tank S of the lone  
house standing beside it. 4 HE and 2 WP arty shells were dropped  
in the area; the men disappeared behind the tank. Throughout the  
afternoon AP shells were fired over and in front of the OP, one  
landing 25 yds away. 2d Bn OP rptd two rds (Thought to be SS)  
coming from RITTERSHOFFEN fell at 121350 and at RT 136327.  
Shelling observed (20 rds) every fifteen minutes between 1315  
and 1400.

3. MISCELLANEOUS - PWs to date - <sup>59</sup>60. Tks destroyed - 4. (By regt)

PW's - One prisoner formerly of the Afrika Corps now with 1st  
plat 2d Co 125 Armd Rcn Bn taken at 212293 by Co L outpost.  
Reports that this Bn consists of 2 Co's, 1st & 2d Co 's strength  
or 115 men each, with replacements coming in a few at a time.  
His platoon of 24 men, now 21, 13 to 15 of which are snipers with  
telescopes, is dug in, fox holes along E side of rd, area RT  
222305 with 2 LMGs & 1000 rds ammo for each gun. Also armed with  
AT grenades & Bazookas. No armor or vehicles near this point.  
They occupied this position 4 days ago, living in their foxholes  
lined with straw probably. At night all are alert-by day one  
half are alert.

Civilian Reports - Vehicles in BEINHEIM, supplies are moved  
forward from there. 4 dead enemy outside of ROESCHWOOG - no live  
ones in town. Rcn Troop shot up a patrol here the other day.

4. CAPABILITIES - a. To attack tomorrow to restore his positions  
previously occupied & completely occupy HATTEN & RITTERSHOFFEN.  
b. To complete (a) and drive on to NIEDERBETSCHDORF.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 122100 Jan 45  
To : 132100 Jan 45  
HQ 242D INFANTRY  
In The Field  
13 Jan 45

No. 5

Maps: Selts, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Front Lines - STUNDWILLER-Eastern portion of RITTERSHOFFEN, northern and eastern portion of HATTEN.
- b. Units in Contact - 125 Armd Ren Bn of 25th Pz Div
- c. Forces capable of Intervention

Four Infantry Bns - 15 to 20 tanks.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - Enemy patrols were active along the 3d Bn front endeavoring to get thru the outposts. One 7 man patrol was seen, others of undetermined strength. 311 FA reports seeing two men thought to be enemy patrol at 0630, one or two shots fired at 123327. Area was searched by the battery and a patrol from 3d Bn, the I & R plat searched STEINNUHL, finding no enemy. The 3d Bn assisted by fire the attack of the 14 AD on HATTEN. Ground frozen with crusted snow made ren patrols impossible because of the noise. Planned harassing patrol unable to accomplish mission because of crusted snow. 2d Bn reported tank battle between elements of 14 AD and enemy tanks E of NIEDERBETSCHDORF. 5 friendly tanks with 5 half tracks attacking 4 enemy tanks. 3d Bn observer rpts an aid station located at 188338 where all vehicles stop for a minimum of 30 seconds before entering HATTEN. This was verified by a PW as an aid station. The 3d Bn believes it may be a control point or an ammo dump.

At 0930 3 tanks and 2 SP with other armored vehicles following proceeded into HATTEN. 2 personnel carriers came W to HATTEN, 1 was hit by our arty. Pillbox at 186325 personnel have been seen. 2 have been killed by our fire. A point 200 yds E & N of road is worth interest as it is being shelled by our forces. A point N of RR in woods E of HATTEN can not be seen from our OP. 1st & 2d Bns rpt enemy shelling, 3 rds every 5 minutes, a tank battle, with our infantry advancing on RITTERSHOFFEN, by small arms fire in town at 1115. At 1330 some 60-80 enemy inf came out of woods E of HATTEN and entered town thru the fire of our arty.

At 0900 3d Bn rpts 1 armd car left HATTEN going E, 1 truck came into HATTEN fr the woods to the E followed by inf. 1 large gun, tractor drawn proceeded towards HATTEN, 194324. At 1515 1 enemy tank left HATTEN going NE. At 1730 a furious battle of armor was rptd outside of HATTEN with many enemy tanks burning. A Negro Sgt of the TDs rpts that he knocked out 5 M IV tanks & several other vehicles in 3 days of fighting in HATTEN. He also rpts one & maybe two M VI Tigers in HATTEN. During the day, 1 or 2 jet propelled enemy planes strafed NIEDERBETSCHDORF & OBERTBETSCHDORF about 5 times from 1100 on, also dropping several bombs, 1 hitting 242d CP & another the Regtl aid station. Our aircraft was active.

3. MISCELLANEOUS - PWs taken - None.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - a. To continue the attack on the HATTEN, RITTERSHOFFEN area.

b. To hold present positions until reinforced for the continuation of the attack towards HAGENAU.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 132100 Jan 45  
 To : 142100 Jan 45  
 HQ 242D INFANTRY  
 In The Field  
 15 Jan 45

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Maps: Seltz, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Front Lines: - Slight losses by the Germans in HATTEN and slight gains for Germans in RITTERSHOFFEN, otherwise no change.
- b. Def. Orgn.: - Weapons emplacement at 181326 & 195321; Aid Station at 187337, (3) 88 AT Guns at 190336, Three (3) 88 AA Guns at 216344, Ten (10) 20 mm multi-barrel AA Guns at 223341, one (1) 105 gun at 224340, Regt. CP at 225341, Bn Cp at 128342, Bn CP at 162337.
- c. Units in Contact - 25 Pz Gr Div
- d. Units in Contact HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area - Battle Group MOLTKA (120 men on 11 Jan, probably atchd to 2d Bn, 192d Inf. Regt.). All Inf & tank elements of 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gr Div.
- e. Forces Capable of Intervention - Higher Hqs has no info on any large units coming to the assistance of the 21st Pz and 25th Pz Gr. Divs. The story of the paratroop relief of element of the 25th Pz Gr Div may have started by arrival of 40 replacements on the 12th of Jan. PW states that ten (10) TD's of the 25th A.T. Bn have been completely destroyed in HATTEN. In spite of reports of heavy armored losses, the efficient German recovery & maintenance sections will probably keep the number of effective tanks at 30. PW's vary about losses sustained by Germans from moderate to heavy. Those Ens. out of the contact for several days are probably being refitted and may be expected to turn up in a relief or attack role.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - Enemy atk at RITTERSHOFFEN was stopped with loss of ground gained by friendly forces today. 2 enemy tanks were destroyed. No enemy patrol activity rptd during the night on 2d and 3d Bn fronts. Patrols of K Co rptd trucks moving W along road into HATTEN during the night and enemy forces digging in along road E of HATTEN. A 5 man patrol of G Co was ambushed by a 6 man enemy patrol at 1445 with automatic fire in vic of 216300. S/A fire was rptd on right flank in vic of 282d Inf area. 10-12 enemy soldiers were seen around pillbox at 186325 singly or in pairs. A motor cycle passed at 1530 from the woods into HATTEN. At approx 1600 a Tiger tank painted white moved out of a draw 190326 along road towards the woods. Tank was fired on by our arty with results undetermined. Enemy observed by OP's appear to have 50% of their personnel dressed in white camouflage suits. Patrol of G Co ambushed by enemy patrol lost 1 man killed, two wounded at 211299. Enemy patrol escaped free. An enemy attack was launched on RITTERSHOFFEN at 1400 with 1 tank, 1 flame thrower and infantry forces being employed. 2 PW's captured in RITTERSHOFFEN were identified as being one from the 1st Co 35 Pz Gr Regt and one from the 1st Co 119th Pz Gr Regt. PW reports that one company of 5th Paratrooper Div was committed to the atk on the 13th and that other companies have been relieved on the line by Paratroop co's. 1 PW rpts seeing 9 Paratroopers. 240 replacements in 21st Pz Div were received from 361 Armd Inf Res & Tng Bn and Kampfgruppe Schweres from BITCHE area.



AIR - Enemy air activity consisted of strafing by one jet-propelled plane over NIEDERRETSCHDORF and OBERTRETSCHDORF at 0915 and two planes over same area during afternoon.

General Summary in RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN area - En arty and mortar fire continued to be extremely heavy in the town of RITTERSHOFFEN and area throughout the period. One short lull was reported at 0400. The harassing program towards NIEDERRETSCHDORF has become more of an interdiction with one concentration believed to be a En Conc. Arty fires were light in HATTEN. All suspected tank locations and actual tank locations received heavy volumes of Arty fire during the period.

In the 3d Bn sector, the enemy launched a vicious attack at 2100 with a Co. of Inf and two flame throwing tanks preceded by a very heavy volume of Arty fire. The attack succeeded in wiping out Amer. gains during the preceding period. The two tanks were knocked out but were retrieved at 0200 under cover of an auto. weapons demonstration. Early today enemy launched strong attack to cut the KUELENDORF-RITTERSHOFFEN road but did not succeed. In his fires in this town, the enemy used considerable White Phosphorous. Tank fire and mortar fire were almost constant throughout the period..

In HATTEN our units were successfully applied for the first time in several days. The en. tried no offensive yesterday during the period. However, the pressure by tank fire, mortar and MG fires continued unabated. Combined effort by the 2d Bn and an Armd Inf Bn was made at 1100. The effort succeeded in making slight gains to the E and W. En. resistance in HATTEN is like that encountered in RITTERSHOFFEN with tenacity unequalled since CASSINO and STALINGRAD.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. PW's taken - 1. PW's taken to date by regt - 60. Tks destroyed - 4.

b. The Germans have captured a limited number of P-47s which are used with German marking and are usually OD color whereas American planes are usually silver color. Any plane which attacks friendly troops or installations by strafing will be engaged by all available AA weapons where practicable.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Continue the attack in HATTEN & RITTERSHOFFEN.

b. To empty holding forces in HATTEN & RITTERSHOFFEN and continue the attack to the W towards NIEDERRETSCHDORF to gain the high ground N of this town.

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To : 152100 Jan 45  
242D INF - 120331  
15 January 1945

No. 7.

Maps - Seltz, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Front Lines - HATTEN - We controlled the NS road in front of Church. RITTERSHOFFEN - slight change since last period.
- b. Def. Org: Entrenchments observed at 190320 to 190341 astride roads running E from HATTEN. First Aid station at Bunker 18773375 Radio Msg center at Bunker 18703395. Forward OP for 1152d Bn Arty (3 150mm Hws 223343). About 7 88mm and 4-5 20mm AA guns in position at 21853425.
- c. Units in Contact - 125 Armd Rcn Bn on the front of 2d Bn. In RITTERSHOFFEN, the entire 119 Pz Inf Regt. Elements of the 20th Paratr Regt of the 7th Para Div, elements of the 125th Pz Inf Regt and elements of the 192 Pz Inf Regt -- Total estimate- 700-800 men.  
In HATTEN, 1st Bn 20th Para Regt - 400 men, elements of the 192 & 125th Pz Gr Regts - total estimate - 1000-1200 men.
- d. New Identifications - 1151st GHQ Bn Arty - 1152d GHQ Bn Arty.
- e. Forces Capable of Intervention - Reinforcements are quite probable. PW states that the 1st Bn of 20th Regt of 7th Para Div was to relieve one Bn of the 35th Inf Regt at HATTEN. This has not been confirmed. Four or five Bns of Inf & 20 to 35 tanks are still capable of intervention.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - Very active patrolling continues to screen the road running SE fr HATTEN to L'EICHELGARTEN. Our patrols have met constant opposition in this area. One 8 man patrol fr E Co observed two enemy at 209309 on the afternoon of the 15th. and drew fire from 2 MGs and estimated 6 rifles. Patrol withdrew. During the hours of darkness much vehicular traffic was rptd on the roads running E & SE fr HATTEN. No tracked vehicles were heard. During the period the area occupied by the 2d & 3d Bn received intermittent fire fr 81mm mortar, some WP, 88mm AP & HE, and some WP, along with MG fire. Fragments of 155 WP of our own manufacture fired by the enemy were found. At 0500 the 2d Bn of 315th rptd the enemy attacking in HATTEN with tanks, flame throwers and inf which drove our troops from N part of town. The enemy attacked again at 1550, this was repelled by arty fire, our forces with armor then drove to the N & S road at the church. Severe fighting raged throughout the day. RITTERSHOFFEN was fairly quiet throughout.

3. MISCELLANEOUS - a. PWs taken - none. Cumulative - 60. Tanks destroyed by regt - 4.  
b. The enemy is active in booby trapping our mine fields - caution all personnel to beware.  
c. Due to the large number of enemy agents the enemy has employ recently, ~~xxx~~ it becomes necessary to become more security minde and send all suspicious GI's and all civilians thru PW channels to be screened by CIC. 3 enemy in American uniforms were rptd killed by our forces in one town.
4. CAPABILITIES - a. To counter-attack in attempt to regain or win HATTEN.  
b. To atk in RITTERSHOFFEN to relieve pressure in HATTEN.  
c. To drive on to the W and attempt to cut off both towns.  
d. Of the 3 capabilities mentioned above a is favored.

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To : 162100 Jan 45  
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16 January 1945

No. 8.

Maps - Seltz, 1/50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines - Very little change in Rittershoffen. Hatten - we gained some ground, then lost a portion of which we gained.
- b. Def. Org. - Enemy entrenchments at 180330 N to Hatten on E side of road. Apparent E Observation Post at Bld on RR 177332. Positions of 125 Ar Rec Bn along E side of Road from Fersfeld to Niederoerden. 2d Co CP at CR 225318. Plat CP at RJ 222305 also 1 Plat at Forstfeld.
- c. Units in contact - 125 Pz Rec Bn on our front. In Hatten and Rittershoffen - elements of the 21st and 25th Pz Gr Div and the 7th Para Div.
- d. Forces Capable of Intervention - 21st Pz Div., 25th Pz Gren Div., 7th Para Div., The 2d Bn of the 20th Para Regt identified in Hatten with the possibility of the 3d Bn being in Rittershoffen. It also may be assumed that the 7th Para Div will arrive soon and relieve the Inf elements of the 21st and 25th Pz Div. The infantry strength of the Para Div is nine Bn's, strength 400 to 500 men each as compared with 3 Bn's of the 21st Pz Div and 25th Pz Gren Divisions.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

- a. General Summary - 2d and 3d Bn area quiet all night except for occasional enemy shelling, remained quiet throughout the day with occasional shelling. At 1653 G Co Out Post picked up two prisoners from the 2d Co 125 Ar Rec Bn. apparent deserters. At 1757 enemy arty fell vic of G Co Out Post 206308 from the N, ten rds in 15 minutes. At 1800 Co E Out Post withdrew under fire of enemy combat patrol, estimated at 10 rifles and 5 auto wpns. At 1802 several rds of mortar fell S of Co E Out Post. Same time small arms and machine pistol firing on Co G Out Post from the N. At 1810 2d Plat B Co relieved small arms fire along the MLR from the front at a range of 300 yds. At 2000 Co E Out Post restored. At 2000 vehicles were reported parked with motors running vic 221289, Tanks reported moving S from Fersfeldt towards Seutenhein by G Co Out Post.

In Rittershoffen, the enemy was very alert to any Amer. move but made no aggressive movements throughout the period. Mortar and A Arty fires were again very intense. Fires and concentrations of three (3) to six (6) rds from 180mm Mortar were reported in addition to 120 and 81 mortars. Tank movements were heard frequently during the period and some fire was received from them.

In Hatten, the Amer. Armored C/a on the hard pressing attacking forces from the 1st and 2nd Bns of the 20th Para. Regt., plus elements of the 21st Pz. or 25th Pz. Gr. Divs., broke the attack and succeeded in gaining ground for the Amer. Forces. Throughout the remainder of the night, enemy continued his steady Arty and Mortar fires but made no further attempts to attack. The Americans jumped off on the attack this morning and succeeded

in gaining some ground but enemy resistance was very determined and progress was limited. At 1315, a c/a of Co. strength was made on the 2nd Bn. from the S. and was promptly disorganized. Throughout our attack, mortar and Arty fires were very intense and included some direct fire from tanks.

3. MISCELLANEOUS - a. PWs taken - two for 2nd Bn. Total to date - 62.  
b. PWs report no hot food with cold weather along with the terrible effect of our Arty. made them desert.  
c. The use of the Pass Word will be standardized throughout the 7th Army. The following procedure will be followed by all concerned. The sentry commands "Halt," then sentry gives the pass word. The challenged party then gives the reply. For example - Pass word and reply being "Apple" - "Blossum". The sentry orders "Halt - Apple", the challenged party replies "Blossum".
4. CAPABILITIES - a. To continue attack on Hatten and hold in Rittershoffen.  
b. To hold in both towns until old units completely relieved by Paratroops, then to continue attack with fresh infantry plus the armor of the 21st Pz Div and the 25th Pz Gren Division.

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17 January 1945

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines - No change on our front - Rittershoffen, our forces gained three (3) houses. Hatten, about the same with our forces gaining some ground.
- b. Defenses - On our front, no change. 1st Bn. 192nd Regt. on high ground between Hatten and Rittershoffen.
- c. Units in contact.- Elements of the 21st Pz Div., 25th Pz Gren Div., 20th Reg 7th Para Div., The 125th Ar Rec Bn.
- d. Forces Capable of Intervention - An estimated 300 replacements are reported in Wissembourg available to the 21st Pz Div or to the 25th Pz Gren Division.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

General Summary - The enemy was active most of the night. In addition to the patrol action of the early evening, another patrol was reported at 1703318 - here an armored car operator reports seeing a 15 man patrol carrying what appeared to be a battery and a light. The car was stationary at the time. The driver saw a figure and challenged him twice - another figure stepped out and spoke what the operator thought was -surrender- the operator drove off immediately with no further action. At 0140 G Co. Outpost fired on enemy patrol - small fire fight followed for several minutes and the enemy withdrew. The area occupied by the 3rd Bn drew heavy enemy Arty fire all day due to the operation of our armor close by. Reports of several rds of 210mm falling in K Co's position. The 1st Bn reported no activity. Friendly armor reported enemy fire coming from positions at edge of woods in 3rd Bn sector, numerous patrols searched the area all day but the severity of the enemy Arty fire prevented searching one or two small sectors. Upon the lifting of this fire it was determined that our troops occupied the areas and no enemy was present. At 1700 eight black and white striped enemy tanks followed by 40 infantrymen came out of woods at 190323. Two TDe and three guns from AT Co opened fire - Arty twice poken and WP was placed on them, setting fire to two, stopping one, other which the enemy retrieved to defile. Five men were seen to return to the woods. The tanks withdrew and were lost in the dusk of approaching night. Our AT guns stopped the one tank that was retrieved. In Hatten, the enemy attacked with an estimated two (2) Companies and six (6) tanks. This attack succeeded in gaining some ground. However, a C/A by Armor of the CCR from the S. of Hatten costing the enemy two (2) tanks succeeded in breaking up the enemy's attack. While the armor was making this C/A an enemy position was overrun with heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. Thereafter the Armored infantry and our 2nd Bn pushed forward and re-captured the ground formerly held. The enemy forces in HATTEN are constantly alert and keep up a heavy volume of Mortar fire throughout the day and night. Fire is principally 81mm although considerable 120mm has been reported. Arty fires decreased in the period.

The 1st Bn 315th Inf attack against RITTERSHOFFEN from the west was beaten back by a heavy volume of mortar, flak and M/G fire. One 37mm gun knocked out one of our tanks. The 1st Bn was permitted to come very close before protective fires were placed. Over 500 rds of mortar are estimated to have fallen on the attacking troops. Contact with one element has been lost. There is no word on their progress. 3rd Bn assisted in the attack by a demonstration and this demonstration brought down enemy mortar and Arty fires in terrific proportion. Mortar fires consisted of 50, 81, 120 and 12 to 15 rds of 180mm. A great quantity of 150mm Arty was reported. An enemy bazooka patrol was successful in knockout one half-track after the half-track had been in HATTEN to supply 2nd Bn.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. PWS-two

b. A Master sgt., deserter from Ger F. A. Bn gave the following information: Locations of three (3) OPs, nine (9) 150mm guns, fourteen (14) 88mm guns, nine (9) 20mm guns and six (6) CPs. This kept both our gunners and guns very warm.

4. CAPABILITIES

a. Continue to hold in RITTERSHOFFEN while he attacks in HATTEN.  
b. Bypass both towns to secure high ground on W side of RITTERSHOFFEN - thus cutting both off to be reduced later.

NEWS RELEASE 1800 17 January 1945

WARSAW FALLS

WARSAW? Capital of Poland, Fell to troops of Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian Army today. Premier Josef Stalin in a special order of the day at 1645 this afternoon announced that the capital was stormed by the Red Armies and Polish Allied elements advancing from the North, South and West. A sudden flanking movement cut warsaw off to the west, while other Soviet elements attacked from the south and still others broke through the Vistula defenses to the north and drove down on the Capital. At 1700 325 Moscow guns boomed out the salute that announced to the world that 64 months and 20 days after the Polish Capital fell to the Nazi Wehrmacht -- September 27, 1939 -- It again was free.

There is no halt to the Russian drive. Far to the south the Ukrainian Armies are within 30 miles of German Silesia and are shelling Crakow, with advance forces within 8 to 10 miles of the city. The Ukrainian and White Russian Armies have linked up on a continuous irregular front from Warsaw to Crakow.

In Moscow, official newspapers report that this is only the beginning of the Soviet drive and that the "Red Army is Going Forward to the West to Raise the Banner of Victory Over Berlin".

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To : 182100 Jan 45  
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18 January 1945

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Maps - Seltz, 1/50,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy front lines - No change to our front. RITTERSHOFFEN - our forces now hold up to and around the church. HATTEN - About the same with our forces gaining some ground.
- b. Defenses - On our front no change. 1st Bn 192nd Regt on high ground between HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN.
- c. Units in Contact - Elements of the 21st Pz Div., 25th Pz Gren Div., 20th Reg., 7th Para Div., 125th Arm Rec Bn. New Identifications - 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Cos of 2nd Bn 19th Para Regt. 1st and 2nd Co of 1st Bn 19th Para Regt.
- d. Forces Capable of Intervention - 10th SS Pz Div. at full strength. 3d Bn of 19th Para Regt., 3d Bn of 20th Para Regt., 1st and 3d Bns of the 21st Para Regt.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General Summary: 2nd and 3d Bn area generally quiet except for shelling in E Co sector; a 12 man enemy patrol came pass the RR Station at RITTERSHOFFEN and fired two bazooka rds into station and disappeared. 2nd and 3d Bn continued to man outpost, but no enemy patrols were reported in their vicinity during the night. At 0735 2nd Bn OP #3 reported a battery of 106s firing toward SESSENHEIM from a position approximately one mile to their right flank. At 1120, ten rds mortar fire was dropped into the 2nd Bn OP area vic 202304. At 1216A a five man enemy patrol came near the G Co OP and were fired upon and withdrew. A patrol went out to find them but no contact was made. At 1850 the 3d Bn reported that some Germans were manning a friendly disabled tank in the approximately the area of 178327 and were gasping MG fire. At 1930 an enemy patrol of undetermined size came within 5 yds of E Co OP. The 5 men in the OP fired at the patrol, the enemy withdrew. At 0930 a 20 man combat patrol from F Co encountered 20 enemy lying behind wood piles at 196313. The head scout opened fire and the enemy withdrew to NE. The patrol followed and received mortar fire covering a prearranged withdrawal route. The patrol continued and found an old G Co OP that was booby trapped with a potatoe mashery on a wire.

In HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN it was unusually quiet during the night. Absence of usual supply traffic - Arty and mortar harrasing fires. There was unusually heavy traffic from HATTEN to BUHL. At 0630 one tank and infantry attacked HATTEN. The tank was hit. During the day our forces made slight gains in HATTEN. At 1830 the enemy counterattacked HATTEN from the NE but were driven back. In RITTERSHOFFEN it was reported that our forces now hold around the church. To our South the enemy has E Co of the 232 surrounded in SESSENHEIM with tanks and infantry.

In the 315th 1st Bn sector, harassing fire was reported principally during daylight hours. Otherwise no contact.

In the 315th 2nd Bn sector, the enemy launched an attack at 0630 with one (1) tank and an estimated company of infantry. This attack was broken up by Arty fire. At 1345 the enemy attacked with several tanks and an undetermined amount of Infantry. In connection with this attack the enemy smoked OBBERBRODERN.

Arty & S/A fires again succeeded in breaking up this attack. Throughout most of the period enemy continued mortar and direct fire and some Arty was reported with an increase during the time of the attack.

In the 315th 3d Bn sector, after 1900 the enemy grew very quiet with harassing fires principally from assault guns and mortars and some Arty. During the day contact was not as close and two (2) patrols were dispatched. These patrols found that the line was still strongly held but inflicted casualties by getting tank fire on an occupied house and placing fire on the fleeing occupants. Four (4) PW's were captured by one of our patrols. During the period of patrol activity Arty and mortar fire increased considerably. As of old, enemy fires decreased during the hours of darkness and the harassing programs were increased during daylight hours. An Air OP adjusted fire on a Nebelwerfer with good results reported. A huge fire was started by Arty fire near NIEDERRODERN. The enemy used smoke twice, one to cover withdrawal and once to screen observation during an attack. Arty fire placed on 12 to 15 tanks near RITTERSHOFFEN resulted in four (4) destroyed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. PWs - none. Total to Date - 62.
- b. Moral of 7th Para Div. - High even after capture.
- c. Enemy employed English speaking personnel telling men of the 315th 1st Bn to surrender in our attack yesterday. Likewise medical personnel daring for Amer. wounded spoke excellent English while administering to their needs. One (1) U.S. 57mm employed by the Germans was destroyed by them when it was abandoned in the face of our assault.

4. CAPABILITIES:

- a. Defend in RITTERSHOFFEN and attack in HATTEN with two (2) Bns. of infantry plus 15 to 25 tanks.
- b. Attack both HATTEN & RITTERSHOFFEN with two (2) Bns and ten (10) tanks at each place.
- c. Possibilities of an attack from Forstfeld.

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S-2 REPORT

151200 to 161200  
Sofia - Victoria  
161200 to 171200  
Palace - Farce

FROM: 131903  
TO : 141900  
315th Inf. - 120333  
14 Jan. 1945

NO. 151 (Maps: 1/25,000)

1. En. Sit. At. End of Period:

- Front Lines: - Slight losses by the Germans in HATTEN and slight gains for Germans in RITTERSHOFFEN, otherwise no change.
- Def. Org: Weapons emplacement at 181326 & 195321; Aid Station at 187337, (3) 88 AT Guns at 190336, Three (3) 88 AA Guns at 216344, Ten (10) 20 mm multi-barrel AA Guns at 223341, one (1) 105 gun at 224340, Regt. CP at 225341, Bn CP at 128342, Bn CP at 162337.
- Units in Contact: - Battle Group MOLTKE (120 men on 11 Jan., probably attached to 2nd Bn, 192nd Inf. Regt.) All Inf. & Tank elements of the 21st Pz Div. and 25th Pz Gr. Div.
- Forces Capable of Intervention: - Higher Hqs. has no info on any large units coming to the assistance of the 21st Pz and 25th Pz Gr. Divs. The story of the para-troop relief of elements of the 25th Pz Gr. Div. may have started by arrival of 40 replacements on the 12th of Jan. PW states that ten (10) TD's of the 25th A.C. Bn. have been completely destroyed in HATTEN. In spite of reports of heavy armored losses, the efficient German recovery & maintenance sections will probably keep the number of eff. tanks at 30. PW's vary about losses sustained by the Germans from moderate to heavy. Those Bns. out of the contact for several days are probably being refitted and may be expected to turn up in a relief or attack role.

2. En. Opns During the Period:

- Gen. Summary: En. Arty and mortar fire continued to be extremely heavy in the town of RITTERSHOFFEN and area throughout the period. One short lull was reported at 0400. The harassing program towards NEUDENBETSCHORF has become more of an interdiction with one (1) concentration believed to be a Bn. Conc. Arty fires were light in HATTEN. All suspected tank locations and actual tank locations received heavy volumes of Arty fire during the period. In the 3rd Bn. sector, the en. launched a vicious attack at 2100, with a Co. of Inf. and two (2) flame throwing tanks preceded by a very heavy volume of Arty fire. The attack succeeded in wiping out some gains during the preceding period. The two (2) tanks were knocked out but were retrieved at 0200 under cover of an auto. weapons demonstration. Early today enemy launched a strong attack to cut the KILNDORF-RITTERSHOFFEN road but did not succeed. In his fires in this town, the enemy used considerable White Phosphorous. Tank fire and mortar fire were almost constant throughout the period. During the night the enemy moved vehicles freely east of the town and his Infantry was noisy with large movements reported.

In HATTEN our units were successfully supplied for the first time in several days. The en. tried no offensive yesterday during the period. However, the pressure by tank fire, mortar and m/g fires continued unabated. A combined effort by the 2nd Pz. and an Arm'd Inf. Bn. was made at 1100. The effort succeeded in making slight gains to the East and to the North. En. resistance in HATTEN is like that encountered in RITTERSHOFFEN with tenacity unequalled since CASSINO and STALINGRAD.

The Amer. attacks in the mountains were successful during the day. In the BISCHWILLER area, there were no offensive thrusts from either side.

3. Miscellaneous:

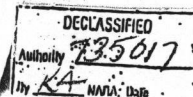
- PW's - 3 by 3rd Bn. - Total for CP-5 to date - 7,209.
- One PW states that ten (10) Amer. wounded were evac. from RITTERSHOFFEN yesterday.
- Another PW gave most of the locations enumerated in Par No. 1, b above.
- The Germans have captured a limited number of P-47s which are used with German markings and are usually OD color whereas Amer. planes are usually silver color. Any plane which attacks friendly troops or installations by strafing or bombing will be engaged by all available AA Weapons where practicable.

4. Capabilities:

- Continue the attack in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN with two (2) Bns reinf. in each town.
- Launch with two Bns from the M. another attack in addition to (a) above to cut off RITTERSHOFFEN and our only acquired supply route to HATTEN.

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S-2 REPORT

FROM: 242900  
TO: 151900  
315th Inf. - 120333  
15 Jan. 45

NO. 152 (Maps 1/25,000)

1. En. Sit. At End Of Period

- a. Front Lines: No change in RITTERSHOFFEN and some gains for the Germans in HATTEN.
- b. Def. Org: 1st Bn., 192nd Regt. on high ground between HATTEN & RITTERSHOFFEN.
- c. Units in Contact: Elements of the 21st Pz. Div., 25th Pz. Gr. Div., 20th Regt. 7th Para. Div.
- d. Forces Capable of Intervention: PW indicates that most units have taken severe losses. However, they are receiving replacements from the 220th Repl. Bn. located near WISSEMURG. The identification of the 20th Regt. of the 7th Para. Div. confirmed rumors & civilian statements that a paratroop div. was to arrive in this sector. Still unconfirmed is a civilian report that a Bn. of paratroopers are in RITTERSHOFFEN. It is not believed that the entire 7th Para. Div. has arrived in this sector as yet. It may be expected to arrive shortly.

2. En. Opns. During Period:

a. Gen. Summary: In RITTERSHOFFEN, the en. was less aggressive than in the past. However, he did maintain his close contact and rewarded all movements with heavy fires. The Arty and mortar fires decreased somewhat in intensity. However, they still fall in the category of hour. Near the close of the period, a mortar concentration with some Arty fire was reported as the heaviest yet received in this sector. The en. decreased his harassing and interdiction fires in the rear areas but increased his counter-battery program and indicates his shelds were pretty good.

In HATTEN, en. pressure increased again over preceding period. Likewise the mortar, tank and arty fires were increased. Concentrations reported now were equalled in intensity to those reported previously in RITTERSHOFFEN. The en. launched a vicious attack at 2145 and retook the hard earned ground gained by the 2nd Bn. in the previous period. This attack was made with an estimated company of Infantry and two flame throwing tanks. The attack ceased when all the ground had been retaken. At 0500, the En. again began launching a series of attacks. These attacks were made with Inf. supported by Tank fire. By 0800, five (5) of these attacks had been launched without success. Thereafter, En. continued to content himself with numerous mortar and Arty concentrations and tank fires. At 1445 following a particularly heavy Arty and mortar preparation, the En. attacked with an estimated Bn. of Inf. and five or six tanks. This attack succeeded in gaining some ground and at 1700, OGR committed his reserve of tanks to change the tide of the battle. At the close of the period, the battle was still raging.

1st Bn. in the mountains attacked yesterday and today recording successes both days against S/A and mortar opposition.

In the BISCAMILLER area, the status quo was maintained. No aggressive action on either side.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. PW's - None.
- b. The guns of our Arty have been kept hot due to the efforts of a Master Sgt. Deserter from a German Field Arty. Bn. He gave the locations of three (3) OP's nine (9) 150 mm Guns, (14) 88 mm guns, (9) 20 mm Guns and six (6) CP's.

4. Capabilities:

- a. Continue determined attacks to complete capture of RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN with two (2) Inf. Bns. supported by tanks in each place.
- b. Launch an attack to by-pass and secure the high ground West of RITTERSHOFFEN.

5. NEWS as of 2100, 15 Jan. 45.

In the WIDENESS salient, the Germans were favored for further withdrawal of their equipment by foggy weather. However, our tactical air force got in some good hunting yesterday knocking off approximately 300 motor vehicles and tanks. Meanwhile Brit. and Amer. troops of the Third Army have made physical contact and Amer. and Brit. troops are closing in on the important town of HOUFFALIZE from three sides. The Germans have left some armored elements and infantry west of this town to hold in dear old German style. In the mean time, The First Army attacking from the NE has gotten to within 6 to 7 miles of the important German supply



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S-2 REPORT

FROM: 081900  
 TO : 091900  
 315th Inf. - 084345  
 9 Jan. 1945

NO. 146 (Map: 1/25,000)

1. En. Sit. At. End Of Period:

- a. Front Lines: - GLEEBURG - INGOLSHHEIM - HUNSPACH STATION - ASCHBACH - STUNDWILLER.
- b. Units In Contact: - The 155th Regt. of Artillery of the 21st Pz. Div., elements of the 38th Pz. Gr. and 119th Pz. Gr. Regts. of the 25 Pz. Gr. Div. 5th Bn of 25th Pz. Gr. Div.
- c. Forces Capable of Interventions: - Despite considerable losses, 21st Pz. and 25th Pz. Gr. Divs. can employ two (2) Bns of Inf. each, plus 20 to 30 tanks. No additional information has been obtained on the activities of the 245th V.C. Div. This Div. is considered capable of intervening in this sector.

2. En. Opns. During Period:

- a. General Summary: - Prior to dawn, the enemy launched an attack with two (2) Bns of the 25th Pz. Gr. Div. without arty or mortar preparations. Initially there was no tank support. However, seven (7) tanks did make their appearance later. The attack was detected and broken up by heavy volume of Arty fire with two (2) tanks reported destroyed.
- b. In this attack the enemy did succeed in taking two (2) pill boxes which they held.

At 1230, the enemy attacked again. For their Arty preparation the enemy harassed RITTERSHOFFEN with various weapons up to battery concentrations. Immediately prior to the attack, Bn concentrations were placed in the town. The amount of fire placed on HATTEN is undetermined. However, the volume is believed to have been quite heavy. The enemy opened their attack with sixteen (16) tanks approaching HATTEN from the SE following at short distance being 17 personnel carriers. The two pill boxes taken earlier in the day were used as the opening wedge into the position and the column passed through with the tanks headed towards RITTERSHOFFEN and the personnel carriers going into HATTEN. A group of 15 tanks approached HATTEN from the NE. Tanks approaching RITTERSHOFFEN were taken under fire by tanks from Forage. 11 Tanks and one (1) full tracked vehicle were destroyed by "Forage" and one fifteen (15) man patrol was taken under fire with heavy casualties inflicted. Upon meeting this fire, all of the remaining tanks withdrew.

At the close of the period, a counter-attack supported by tanks was in the process of restoring the previous M.R., but the mission had not yet been completed.

In the sector of the 313th, the right flank was partially involved in the initial attack and the Germans were unable to get close to the M.R. In the area around GLEEBURG, the IAR and Arty OP's reported activities involving groups up to seven (7) men. Some harassing fire fell in this area.

The area around INGOLSHHEIM was reported by the IAR and Arty to have had quite a bit of vehicular traffic including six (6) command cars. One column of Inf. and vehicles with AT Guns was reported but not confirmed by the IAR or Arty.

In this sector, enemy fires were more intense including harassing mortar and MG fire. One TD was hit twice but not injured by mortar fire. TDs destroyed one half-track and one command car on the ridge East of HUNSPACH and both the Arty and TD's knocked out a command car N of INGOLSHHEIM. Arty also destroyed one AT Gun N. of REIDSELTZ.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. PW's - None.
- b. It has been reported that the enemy employed mortar fire mixed with arty. fire, and mixed 105 with 150 Caliber.
- c. Troops of the 25th Pz. Gr. Div. are of much higher quality than those previously encountered in the V.C. Divisions.

4. Capabilities:

- a. Continue atk from N or NE with 3 Bns of Mts Inf. plus 40 tanks and the Arty of two (2) Divisions.



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1-1200 to 131200  
Echelon - Tebruk  
151200 to 161200  
Sofia - Victoria

FROM: 121900  
TO : 131900  
315th Inf. - 120333  
13 Jan. 1945

NO. 150 (1/25,000 Maps)

1. En. Sit. At End of Period:

- a. Front Lines:- Only slight changes in front lines with loss of several houses in HATTEN to the Germans and gain of a few houses in RITTERSHOFFEN.
- b. Def. Orgs:- AT Gun at 196323; Inf. dug in at 185328, controlled pill box at 187337.
- c. Units in Contact:- Of the 21st Pz Div., the 125th Pz. Gr. Inf. Regt., and 22nd Pz. Regt. Of the 25th Pz. Gr. Div., the 119th and 35th Inf. Regts and 5th Tk. Bn.
- d. Forces Capable of Intervention:- P.W. taken today by CCA state that one Co. of Paratroopers has relieved the 1st Co. of the 35th Inf. Regt. and that the remainder of his Bn was to be relieved by an equal number of Paratroopers. There is no confirmation of this report. However, the appearance of reinforcements is very probable. Five (5) Bns of Inf. and 35 tanks are still capable of intervention.

2. En. Opns. During Period:

a. Gen. Summary: - En. Arty continued to be extremely active with his heaviest fires in RITTERSHOFFEN and the two (2) approaches from the West. Harassing programs extended to KULENDORF and NIEDERBETSCHDORF. Elements of the 14th Armd drew heavy Arty fires throughout their attack. 150 Cal. was again predominant. During the day several flights were made over the area by jet propelled planes which fired rockets along our main supply route.

2nd Bn. continued to hold their portion of HATTEN under constant heavy pressure. During the night the enemy attacked with Inf, tanks and flame throwers. A coordinated effort by Inf., TD and a heavy volume of Arty fire stopped this attack. The En. made his heaviest attack at 1100 today. This attack was again made with tanks, flame throwers and Inf. The attack gained some ground before sufficient Arty fire and Cannon Company fires could be brought to bear on the attacking forces. Throughout the period, S/A, M/G, Arty, mortar and tank fire harassed the 2nd Bn constantly.

A very bitter see-saw battle for RITTERSHOFFEN continued unabated. S/A, Mortar, M/G, Arty and tank fires were almost constant. There was only one respite during the entire period.

An enemy infiltration was attempted at 2100. The infiltration was partly successful before it was stopped. Those who infiltrated were mopped up by 2nd Bn. OP group. It has been reported that three (3) Germans in G.I. Uniforms were among those infiltrators killed.

Our attack in conjunction with CCA made only slight gains and part of these gains were lost by a C/A at 1700. The tenacity of the defenders was unequalled by any this unit has encountered.

Nearby sectors were quiet. There was considerable activity in the Mountain battlegrounds. Our 1st Bn has been moved from its quiet sector to one of the most active sectors.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. PW's - None.
- b. The infiltration attempt in RITTERSHOFFEN was probably an attempt to loose agents in the rear areas. Due to the large number of agents the Germans have employed recently, it becomes necessary to become more security conscious and send all suspicious GI's and all civilians through PW channels to be screened by the CIC.
- c. A Civilian turned in by the 3rd Bn reported Germans in RITTERSHOFFEN were quite happy about a new weapon, which was a long tube of light metal on the outside of the tank. This is presumed to be a flame thrower tank.

4. Capabilities:

- a. Continue attack to secure possession of both RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN and then exploit to the West.

NEWS as of 2100, 13 Jan. 45



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S-2 REPORT

FROM: 180900  
TO: 191900  
315th Inf. 120330  
19 Jan. 1945

NO. 136 (Maps: 1/25,000)

1. En. Sit. At End Of Period:
  - a. Front Lines: No change.
  - b. Def. Orgn.: Two (2) Company strong points at 178332, C.P. 2nd Bn. 35th Pz. Gr. Regt. at 18353335.
  - c. Units In Contact: Elements of the 21st Pz. Div., 25th Pz. Gr. Div., and 20th Para. Regt. of the 7th Para. Div.
  - d. Forces Capable of Intervention: Rumors persist that the 21st Pz. and 25th Pz. Gr. will be relieved by V.G. or S.S. Units. The 10th S.S. Div. has been identified in the area to the S. However, the 36th V.G. Div. remains available for employment in this sector. The 21st Pz. Recon. Bn. was relieved prior to the arrival of its relief. It is possible that relief will be affected during the night 19-20 Jan.

2. En. Opns During Period:

- a. Gen. Summary: In the 1st Bn sector there was no contact with the enemy. However, the demonstration put on by our tanks caused an arty. preparation estimated between 1000-500 rounds in their area.

In the 2nd Bn area, the en. pressure has been great for a period of 36 hours. The en. attacked at 2100 with Inf. and a flame throwing tank. This attack was quelled by S/A and Arty fire. Unusual activity at 0100 brought down our arty fire in the area of the Kaut activity. At 0615, what appeared to be an assembly of Inf. for an attack was fired upon by our Arty. At 0800, the en. attacked with tanks firing from four (4) directions. The Inf. accompanied this fire and in one point hand to hand combat was reported. From 0800 to 0930, it is estimated that a total of 3,000 rounds of combined mortar, arty and tank fire was placed on our forces. The inf. was repulsed and the mortar and arty fire reduced but tanks kept up their fire until 1200. Hereafter until 1900, the en. Inf. remained inactive with the exception of constant mortar and arty fire.

In RITTERSHOFFEN, the 3rd Bn was unable to send patrols due to the close contact with the enemy. There was a decided difference in the attitude of the enemy as compared to the previous period. The en. was quite alert as compared to the lethargy displayed in the previous period. Mortar and Arty fire were increased over the preceding period and after the demonstration by our tanks, en. reaction in mortar and arty fires was quite strong. At the close of the period, vehicular traffic was slightly above normal and dismounted activity greater than normal.

Friendly tanks fired into RITTERSHOFFEN's northern edge after an arty preparation and report that a large number of Germans fled from their buildings. In the area to the S., the en. has made some success and has been inactive over most of the front. He has lost some ground in the Hardt M. area.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. PW's - None.
- b. All units are again reminded to be alert for German employment of captured U.S. vehicles.
- c. 21st Pz. Recon. Bn. estimated strength 90 men has been in local res. in RITTERSHOFFEN since the original attack. They departed for NIEDERRODERN prior to the arrival of their relief.
- d. Two (2) deserters from the 1st Bn., 35th Pz. Gr. Regt., deserted due to our Arty fire. Casualties in this company were very light in spite of the intense arty fire which induced the PW's to surrender.
- e. Other P.W.'s state that all the mortars, all the ammo., plus 14 vehicles were destroyed by our Arty fire near RITTERSHOFFEN.

4. Capabilities:

- a. Derending in RITTERSHOFFEN with elements of three (3) Bns and attacking in HATTEN with two (2) Bns with 20 tanks and support.
- b. Attacking with two (2) Bns of Inf. plus 10 tanks at both RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN.

5. NEWS as of 2100 19 Jan. 1945.

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## G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No 15

LAP3: CGSG 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN: R-176340 - R-176336.

b. Defensive Organization - Estimated by inf bn well dug-in E bank river between bridges at R-179349 and R-189348. Pillbox at R-185327 manned. By using buildings in RITTERSHOFFEN and WATTEN as individual strong points especially around the churches in both towns.

c. Units in contact - New identification: 1st Co 20th Parachute Regiment;  
Elements 1152 GHA Arty Bn.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

1964-1965 - 11 months

a. General Summary - Ey stubbornly continued to resist our attempts to take RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN with intense SA, mortar, sniper, MG, AC, SP, arty fire supported by the and flame throwers.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

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(1) Armor - By armor continued active. Counterattack at 2200 supported by unknown number of tks and 5 or more tks supported counterattack at 2200A. During afternoon 3 ey tks observed moving from cemetery in RITTERSHOFFEN to SE of town. At 2400A 7 ey tks observed moving NE from RITTERSHOFFEN. 1 flame throwing tank knocked out in RITTERSHOFFEN at 0840A.

(2) Artillery - My arty varying in intensity fell on KUHLENDORF through-  
out the days. 5 - 7 rds light arty fell in KUHLENDORF (R-1339) at 1000Z with 40  
rounds of estimated 105 falling just E of KUHLENDORF at 1615Z. Other organic  
elements via HATTEN received harassing fires during period.

(3) Aviation - by air active throughout Division zone. One ME 262 flew over Dix Co going SW at 500 feet at 0840A. At 0950A, 11 bombs dropped NE part of HITTENBACH followed by strafing. Ey plane dropped a bomb over SUNBOURG at 0930A. At 0930A one ME 262 bombed and strafed WALBOURG (R-0331); strafed KIMLI-SHEIN (H-0433). WALBOURG road E from GUNSTETT to woods. Ey plane or planes dropped 2 or 3 fragmentation bombs over SUNBOURG at 1140A; 1159A one more bomb dropped & a dirigible was observed over NIEDERRETSCHDORF (R-1333) heading W altitude 1000 feet at 1800A. TO MILLER ST ISTOV -- Lebnysag' gl qut-qu mol-pel  
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Division Interrogation Report for Period 132400A to 142400A Jan 1945.

ENLISTMENT	UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE

- 2 2/192 Ps Gren, 21 Ps Div 68 AIB vic NATHAN  
Total during period 2  
Total to date 1019

2/192 Pz Gren. 21 Pz Div - The 2nd Co of the 192nd Pz Gren Regt is the former Replacement and Training Bn 115. The Bn was located in DARSBACH from where it moved to PIRMASSEN on the 28th Oct 44, after having received four weeks of training. At PIRMASSEN, 115th Bn received further training and was moved into tanks of Siegfried line in via VIMRINGEN (8362) on 4 Dec 44. On 4 Jan 45, Bn was committed near RITCHE where it suffered heavy casualties. On the 9th of Jan, unit was taken out of line and sent to BARNSTEIN (8344) from where it left for STUNDWILLER on the 11th of Jan 45. At STUNDWILLER, the 115th Bn was with the 2nd Co of the 192 Pz Gren Regt, its strength was 100 men. The Co moved to HATTEN on 12 Jan 45 from where it went into position vis of RITTENSHOFFEN about 1 mile NE of town. At about 2400 Jan 12-13, Co was digging in. In the morning of 13 Jan 45, PWs observed an abandoned US tank about 100 yds in front of positions. They went to it and started it. The tank was in perfect shape. 5 US tanks approached and opened fire, whereupon the two PWs surrendered.

2/192 Pg. Gran CO Oberlt. Schmidt

On 12 Jan 45, at 2200, PW observed a unit of paratroopers, about Co strength, moving toward RITTERSHOFFEN. These paratroopers stayed before RITTERSHOFFEN until about 0500 13 Jan when they were committed in town. PW believes that they were supposed to relieve 1st Co of 192d Pz Gren Regt. No further identifications made.



1. 35592245 & 35912330 Roadblocks consisting of walls extending from each side of road, leaving a gap of 12".

1. 24471840 Shelter.
2. 24401845 Pillbox.
3. 25091931 Shelter.
4. 25271918 Three shelters.
5. 25501920 Three shelters; (Confirms purple information on Defense Overprint.)
6. 25051985 - 24802010 Fire trench extended.
7. 26952093, 27102090 & 27032086 Pillbox at each I.R.
8. 26952093 - 27102090 - 26402050 Communication trench.

1. 90925091 6-gun medium FA battery.

1. 26302806 RR overpass over road demolished. 30' blown gap.
2. 23602335 Road bridge damaged. There is a place 40' long damaged but only one lane appears to be open for traffic.
3. 21052525 RR overpass over road demolished. 20' blown gap.
4. 20152340 Road bridge demolished. Two blown gaps 60' and 25'. 200' wet gap.
5. 20082530 RR overpass over road demolished. 20' blown gap.

STRENGTH ANALYSIS OF A PROJECT INVOLVED IN PRESENT  
FIGHTING AROUND HATTEN AND HATTING OFFEN

I Bn Involved in attacks on HATTEN Jan 9 where it had severe losses. Only 3 Cos have been identified after the attacks on RITTERS-NORTH on Jan 9. They were down to 20 men each. PWs from these Cos know nothing about 4th Co.' Strength at present estimated at not more than 150.

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Note: It is not certain whether both 2nd and 3rd In exist. 14-00000

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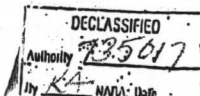


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on RITTERSHOFFEN -- HATTEN. A PW from 1st Co taken on Jan 12 estimates strength as of 11th at 70 after 30 men loss between Jan 5 and Jan 11. Estimated Bn strength at beginning of battle, 300-350.  
 2 Bn: Involved in attacks on ASCHBACH and STUNDWILLER, Jan 7/8, where both 5th and 7th Cos suffered heavy losses. PWs estimate Bn strength after that attack at 170-250. On Jan 9, Bn was part of second attack on HATTEN where 6th Co lost all but 4 men and 7th Co was completely destroyed. It has not been identified after Jan 9 and it is possible that the Bn has been withdrawn, perhaps to GROETWILLER (R-2137) where 1st CP has been reported. Its present strength is estimated at less than 100.

SUMMARY

Bns not contacted  
 2nd Bn 35 PGR, 3rd Bn, 35 PGR, 3rd Bn 119 PGR  
 Existence of neither is certain. 3  
 Bns committed at HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN at full strength. 3  
 1st Bn 119 PGR, 1st Bn 125 PGR, 1st Bn 192  
 Bns committed at RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN at reduced strength. 3  
 1st Bn 35, 2nd Bn 119 PGR, 2nd Bn 125 PGR  
 Bns withdrawn due to heavy losses 1  
 2nd Bn 192 PGR.



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MAPS, GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) Road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and Northern half of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - By digging in at R-165347 and R-162349.

c. Units in Contact - New identification: 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 20th Parachute Regt, 7th Parachute Division.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - No slackening of enemy pressure as fierce fighting continues in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. At close of period enemy occupied Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and Northern half of HATTEN.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - Armored activity somewhat reduced during period. Counter-attack at 1440A did not have tk support. Tks and flame-throwing tks supported the 0545A counterattack. Some flame-throwing tks in operation in HATTEN at 1210A. My tks reported moving N at R-180348 at 1330A. Considerable movement of tracked vehicles heard during the night moving from ASHBACH (R-1837) to STUNDWILLER (R-1936) to BUHL (R-1935). At 2211A my tracked vehicles moved into RITTERSHOFFEN from direction of HATTEN. 7 tracked vehicles heard moving into HATTEN from the E at 2300A. 1 Mk V and 2 AT guns claimed destroyed.

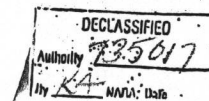
(2) Artillery - My arty slackened in Div Zone in the last 24 hours. KUHLENDORF (R-1335) received harassing light and medium arty fire throughout morning. NIEDERRETSCHDORF (R-1333) received 5 rounds est 88mm during period. At 2130A, 6 rounds est 150mm and 170mm fell vic R-123366 at 2130A; 3 rounds, same caliber, fell in HONWILLER (R-1236) same time. At close of period, KUHLENDORF received harassing medium arty fire. Some very large caliber arty has fallen in HATTEN in the last two days. CO of the 48th observed a hit on one house that completely demolished it.

(3) Infantry - My Inf employing every type weapon including SA, MG, mortar, SPs, Flame-throwers, and tks continued to offer stiff resistance to our advances in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. By counterattack in HATTEN at 0545A reported under control at 0630A. My Inf assembled vic R-173345, split up into small groups and headed for HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN at 0830A, fired on by our arty.

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Our patrols engaged in a fire-fight with ey at R-15893395 at 0930A. A strong ey counterattack, est bn strength, was launched on HATTEN from the E at 1140A. Counterattack increased pressure despite arty opposition throughout the afternoon; brought under control around 1900A. At close of period both towns quiet. Ey mortars located at R-16303416 and R-17603370.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs during period - 17  
Total PWs to date - 1036  
(See Annex "B")

b. Order of Battle -

(1) 35 PGR (25 PG Div) - According to PW statement at Seventh Army, 35 PGR has only one Bn (First) and this has only 3 companies. Under these circumstances, the total strength of 35 PGR at present is less than 100.

(2) 119 PGR (25 PG Div) - Claims that 1 Bn 119 PGR has absorbed PG Bn 2107 of 107 Pz Bde are further substantiated by the analysis of a paybook and mail of one Gefr. THIELE which were picked up on 15 Jan at HATTEN. The last entry in the paybook is 1st Co, 2107 PG Bn. The mail as early as 24 Oct is addressed to FPN 35768C which is the number for 2nd Co 119 PGR.

(3) 119 PGR (25 PG Div) - PWs state that 1 Bn has been consolidated into one battlegroup due to losses and had only 160 men left on 14 Jan.

c. Weather - 17 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken clouds with widely scattered snow squalls in afternoon. Wind Northwest, 7-12 MPH. Visibility 1 mile before 1000A, improving to 4-5 miles in afternoon. Minimum temperature 23 degrees F.

18 Jan 45 - Low overcast in morning, becoming broken to overcast in afternoon. Moderate intermittent snow throughout period. Visibility 1 mi until 1100A due to fog and snow, improving to 4-5 miles in afternoon, except 1/2 mile in snow. Wind NW 12-16 MPH. Minimum temperature 22 degrees F.

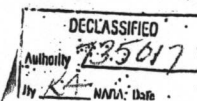
d. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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Annex "A" - FI Report  
Annex "B" - IPW Report

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 16

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6816, 6914, 6915,  
6916, 7014, 7015, 7114,  
7115.  
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2;  
XXXIX - 13 - 1&2; 5&6  
XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 81596322 This 4-gun light FA battery has been removed.
- 2 71706537 This FA battery position is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 80776232 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet 6816.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 461571 & 461581 Shelters.
- 2 467594 & 466601 Pillbox at each M.R.
- 3 466629 Shelter.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 29265278 Formerly reported battery now appears to be a 4-gun light FA btry.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 23155185 Unoccupied 4-gun heavy AA position.
- 2 19314932 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.

Map Sheet 6915.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 41714789 3-gun light DP battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 415501 3-gun light AA battery.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 430452 & 430453 Pillbox at each M.R.
- 2 409451 - 410455 Communication trench linking previously reported defenses on East bank of RHINE.
- 3 412455 Pillbox. (Confirms info on Defense Overprint)
- 4 41554595 Shelter built into levee.
- 5 414461 Shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)
- 6 417471 Pillbox.
- 7 419475 & 421478 Shelter at each M.R.



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Map Sheet 6915 Cont'd.

- C. FIXED DEFENSES (Cont'd).  
 8 421474 & 423470 Pillbox at each M.R.  
 9 427498 Shelter.  
 10 328479 Pillbox and shelter.  
 11 327478, 328478 & 328477 Shelter at each M.R.

Map Sheet 7014.

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 26703775 Possible 3 or 4 light FA guns unemplaced.  
 2 26073757 Probable single gun.  
 3 20084208 & 20054232 Light FA gun at each M.R.  
 4 26353725 Three empty emplacements possibly for light SP guns.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 25723745 6-gun heavy AA battery.  
 2 26503780 Two light AA guns.  
 3 28393909 Probable four heavy AA guns.  
 4 31244180 4-gun heavy AA battery and two 3-gun light AA batteries.  
 5 26953761 & 27223755 Three gun light AA battery at each M.R.  
 6 20464240 & 20634373 Three gun light AA battery at each M.R.  
 7 20354396 Two light AA guns.  
 8 20454385 4-gun heavy AA battery.  
 9 21433431 4-gun heavy AA battery.  
 10 21503432 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet 7015.

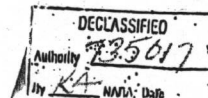
- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 37423998 This medium gun position is now unoccupied.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 32894260 & 33104125 4-gun heavy AA battery at each M.R.  
 2 32694271, 32804237, 33154279, 33224146, 33004110, 31214112.) 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.

Map Sheet 7114.

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.  
 1 26742791 Probable single light gun.  
 2 26992749 Single light gun.  
 3 26493315 4-gun light FA battery.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
 1 26393315 & 26593318 Probable two AA/MGs at each M.R.  
 2 27553225 3-gun light AA battery.
- C. MISCELLANEOUS.  
 1 26703263 Military installation; type and purpose undeterminable.  
 (Consists of 12 emplacements measuring approx 10' square. Six contain square white objects, four have oblong dark objects and two have small dark objects. There is vehicular trackage and activity present.)  
 2 27483251 New bridge.

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Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 337309 Previously reported as five weapon pits now a 4-gun light FA btry.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 344323 Concrete shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)  
2 335312 Pillbox. (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprint)  
3 336271 Pillbox.  
4 340260 - 339252 Trench.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 14444783 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1&2.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 16275006 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 5&6.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 17434623 3-gun medium FA battery.  
2 16854670 4-gun DP battery.  
3 16604667 3-gun medium FA battery.  
4 13994895 3-gun medium FA battery.  
5 16934743 4-gun light FA battery.  
6 15384560 Probable 3-gun FA battery.  
7 14444912 4-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 19154943 4-gun heavy AA battery - probably unoccupied.  
2 18254230 Four AA/MGs.  
3 17254870 3-gun light AA battery.  
4 15354570 Three AA/MGs.  
5 17464635 3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 14151160 Unoccupied 4-gun light FA position.

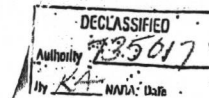
B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 151121 Six unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions in clearing at Western bank of RHINE River. These are located very close to each other, with considerable trackage in area.  
2 14121056, 14301074, 14721130, 15081177, Four unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions to the South of above mentioned positions.  
3 15321159, 16151185 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each point.  
4 17451390, 17201385, 17121375, 17201373 Four unoccupied 3-gun light AA positions.  
5 13751240, 13551300 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each point.

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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 16.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 14 Jan 2400 to 15 Jan 2400:

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE</u>
a. New Identifications:		
3	2/22 Pz Regt, 21 Pz Div	19 AIB - HATTEN
3	1/20 Para Regt, 7th Para Div	" "
3	Hq Btry, 1152d GHQ Arty Bn	" "
b. Old Identifications:		
4	2/125 Pz Gren Regt, 21st Pz Div	" "
c. Miscellaneous:		
Alsation Deserters:		
1	2/Pz Ron Bn, 1st Pz Div	" "
	Last with unit 25 Dec 44 at HUNGARY.	
1	Gren Repl Bn 397	514 CIC - DORRENBACH
	Last with unit 2 Sept 44 at SCHWIEBUS	
1	3/10th School Co, Air Signal School	" "
	Last with unit 24 Nov 44 at METZ	
1	Engr Non-Com School, HANNAU	" "
	Last with unit 24 Nov 44 at HANNAU	
Total during Period - 17		
Total to date - 1036		

2. Units.

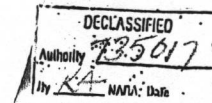
1152d GHQ Arty Bn - Unit was active in NORMANDY until 28 Aug 44; subsequently reformed 19 Sept 44 at LENNEPP/REMSCHIED. Unit was in position near DIEDENHOFEN from 15 Nov 44 until 26 Dec 44. Bn again active in BITCHE sector near SCHORBACH. From there Bn moved to NIEDERROEDERN on 11 Jan 45 with mission to fire on HATTEN. PWs were forward observers who directed fire on HATTEN by radio. Former OP on Hill 160 (R-178342).

Organization: Hq Btry (80-100 men), 3 firing Btrys of 3 How 15 cm each, model 1915.

Locations: 1st Btry 218348; 2nd Btry 223343; 3rd Btry 233341; Hq Btry CP 221339. 1152d GHQ Arty Bn vic 242361 (PW believes that this Bn is identically organized as 1152d Bn). 4 guns cal 105mm vic GROETWILLER (214373). 1 How (Russian) vic NIEDERROEDERN (227342).

Probable Locations: 8-88mm and 4-20mm Flak vic 216342.  
8-88mm and 4-20mm Flak vic 192342.

2/22 Pz Regt, 21 Pz Div - Co was committed near SAARLAUTERN for 3-4 days about 23 Dec 44 as Inf and was then taken out of line. PW and 4 men went then to SIDGELBACH vic KAISERSLAUTERN to receive a tank Mk V. From there went to MEIDENFELS to repair shop to receive new motor for tank. Left there 10 Jan 45 for BERGZABERN where they met 3 more Mk V tks of same unit (2/22). On night of 10 Jan 45 all 4 tks went to HATTEN where they separated vic of church. PW's tank moved in position as security vic 17353391 where it remained until capture 1500 14 Jan 45.



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1/20 Para Regt, 7th Para Div - PWs arrived at unit in Oct and Nov 44 vic VENLO, Holland, stayed there until 16 Dec 44. Then went to CEVELA by KREFELD where unit stayed in rest until 7 Jan 45. 1st Co went with 1st Bn of which it was a part to GALTERSHEIM on 10 Jan 45, then to HATTEN where it arrived on 13 Jan 45. No other Bns of 20th Regt had been in contact with 1st Bn. Firefight started as soon as unit entered town. PWs claimed there was some confusion because of the sudden commitment of units. 1 Plat of 1st Co had 15 Pz Faust which were used against buildings. Flamethrowers were also used (probably 2 attached to Co). Strength 100/110 men per Co, 5 plats per Co, 3 sqds per plat. 1 LMG per sqd, 2 Ofenrohre (bazookas) per Co. - Morale of unit very good. Age between 19 - 30 years.

2/125 Pz Gr Regt 21st Pz Div - Repl & Tng Bn 200 WUPPERTHAL, was sent as Marsch Co to bunkers near LEBACH from there on 25 Dec 44 to WIESWILLER where it was made 2nd Co of 125 Pz Gr. On 29 Dec 44 left for OFFMILLER where Co regrouped, some men being sent to Inf How Co, some to other Cos. Strength est 100 men. On 3 Jan 45 Co moved on line vic BAEKENTHAL. On 6 Jan 45 moved to NIEDERSEEBACH where it attacked a hill without success while suffering severe losses. On 10 Jan 45 moved to HATTEN by way of NIEDERORDEN. Strength 2 plat per Co. 2nd Co has about 70 - 80 men. 6 - 8 MCs per plat (?).

3. Personalities:

1152d GHq Arty Bn

Bn CO                      Capt Artenhoechner  
1st Btry CO               Lt Boettcher

22d Pz Regt

Regt CO                   Lt Col Wolff  
2nd Bn CO                Maj v. Gottberg  
2d Co CO                  Lt Jocuart

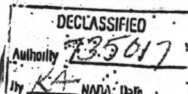
7th Para Div

Div CO                    Gen ? Erdmann  
20th Regt CO             Maj Grassmel  
1st Co CO                  Capt Gehulich

21st Pz Div, 125th Regt

Regt CO                   Lt Col von Luck  
1st Bn CO                Maj Lier  
2d Co CO                  Lt Prietz





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MAPS: GSCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 38/15, 38/16

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1534) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and northern and eastern half of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - Ey entrenchments reinforced with logs at R-173315 to R-177333. Ey inf dug in at R-172345 and along trail running NW from 163314. Ey strongpoints located at the church and the cemetery in RITTERSHOFFEN. Ey dug in at HATTEN from church to RR tracks.

c. Units in Contact - Elements of the 20th Para Div, 21st Pz Div, and the 25th PG Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey continues to resist stubbornly from well defended strong points located in RITTERSHOFFEN. Ey counterattacked HATTEN from the E and NE with inf and SP guns at 1710A and succeeded in driving our forward elements from the eastern part of the town. During the night intense mortar and Arty with delay fuse fell on our forward positions in HATTEN. Heavy vehicular movement in both directions was heard on the road and ridge N of HATTEN from 1630A to close of period.

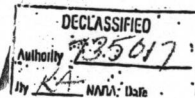
b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Infantry - Friendly patrol received fire from ey the located in woods at 163348 and 163349. Ey armored activity has decreased somewhat. Ey inf counterattacked in HATTEN at 1710A from the E and NE, employing SP guns in support, and, after making small gains, was stopped. In the orchard NW of RITTERSHOFFEN at approx 153343 (2) tracked vehicles were heard moving about in the early part of the night.

(2) Artillery - Ey Arty more active than the previous period. Delayed action fuse reported being used in HATTEN, during the night. RITTERSHOFFEN received moderate to intense Arty concentrations during the afternoon. A 20 rd concentration of mortar and Arty fire fell in the town in a one minute period at 1910A. REEDERSBESCHDORF received harassing fire during the period, one rd every (5) minutes estimated 150mm. Mixed cal arty fire fell on the RR station at R-163324 throughout the period, one rd every 2 to 3 minutes. Interdictory fire fell along the road from R-1630 to R-1929. KUHLENDORF received about (2) rds every (5) minutes.

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minutes during the afternoon of estimated 75-105mm.

(3) Aviation - By aircraft bombed and strafed HATTEN around noon and was again active during the afternoon dropping an estimated (9) bombs on HONWILLER and (1) bomb on KUHLENDORF at 1615A.

(4) Infantry - By Inf continued to resist strongly from strongpoints in RITTENSHOFFEN. By counterattacked strongly at HATTEN at 1710A using SP guns in support and forced our forward elements to withdraw from positions gained the night before. By Inf continued to be very aggressive and alert to any attempt to dislodge him from his positions in RITTENSHOFFEN and HATTEN. By patrol engaged our patrol in fire fight at 1811Z at 2345A. 10 man by patrol approached our OP at R-161326 and was fired on. At close of period of activity had quieted down.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

#### a. Order of Battle -

7th Parachute Div - The Div was originally known as the Div "ERDMANN" named for its commander, Gen ERDMANN and consisted of four Regts: KENZEL Regt; GRASKEHL Regt; HANDEGG Regt; and HUNTER Regt. This Div was formed in Sept 1944 from various existing units mostly GAV, AA & Repl Bns. The Div was hastily organized at that time and was merely designed to stop the allies at the German border. In spite of the designation "Para Div" there were few men with jump training included. In Oct during the general reorganization of all Para Divs on the Western Front, Par Div ERDMANN was combined with elms of a Para Div then forming and renamed the 7th Para Div. How much actual refitting was done at this time is unknown, but it probably was not too much. Apparently the first three Regts received some additional personnel and were then redesignated 19th, 20th & 21st Para Inf Regt. Other divisional elms such as Arty, Engr, etc were added at the same time. The Div retained its sector in the VERRAIS, VENLO, ROER and area.

The present composition is as follows: 19th, 20th, 21st Para Inf Regts, 7 Para Engr Bn, 7 Para AT Bn, 7 Para Arty Regt and probably 7 Para Recon Co.

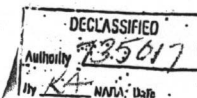
At present only the 1st & 2nd Bn of the 20 Para Regt have been identified. PWs state, however, that a 3rd Bn was in existence when he left HOLLAND. T/O strength of a Para Div is 10000 with 6000 Inf effectives. There is at present no reason to believe that 7 Para Div is seriously understrength. It has been on an inactive front for quite awhile. According to PW statements, Co strength is about 100 men. The armament so far seems to be normal Inf armament. 1st 1st and 2nd Bns 20th Regt apparently left HOLLAND on or after Dec 20, but traveled separately. The Div had been carried out of contact by SHAEF for awhile and it is probable that the entire Div may appear here soon. PWs claim that some of the Engrs with flame throwers are already here.

245th Inf Div - 2 PWs claim that all remaining personnel of 935, 936 & 937 GRs was consolidated in 3 companies which now form 1st Bn 937 GR, located at GIEBICURG (R-1144). (Comment: 935 & 936 are probably reforming in rear and should be by now ready for commitment.)

b. Weather - 18 Jan - Cloudy throughout day with scattered snow squalls. Visibility 1-2 miles in haze in morning, improving to 3-4 miles in afternoon. Visibility will lower to 1 mile or less in snow squalls. Wind northerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 15 degrees F. 19 Jan - Overcast broken low clouds throughout period with snow showers in first part of period becoming scattered and light after 1200A. Visibility 2-3 miles at dawn, improving rapidly to 8-10 miles except to 2-3 miles in light snow in afternoon. Wind northwesterly 12-14 m.p.h., decreasing to 6-8 m.p.h. after 1400A. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

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c. Total Pts during period - 4  
Total Pts to date - 1040  
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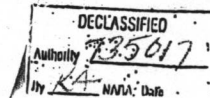
4. ARMY CAPABILITIES. - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 49.

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Annex "A" - PI Report  
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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 17.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6812, 6813, 6915, 6916,  
7114, 7214, 7015.  
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XIXIX - 13 - 526  
XIXIX - 15 - 182

Map Sheet 6812:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
050586

Previously reported shelter is believed to be a pillbox.  
This confirms a ground report.

Map Sheet 6813:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
055561

Possible pillbox camouflaged. Confirms ground report.

Map Sheet 6915:

A. OBSTACLES:  
365468

Roadblock with gap of approx 10'. Ground sources report  
this roadblock as one built on poles driven into the ground.

Map Sheet 6916:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
550460, 547661 & 552452 Trenches.

Map Sheet 7114:

A. FIXED DEFENSES:  
272225  
2735305

Pillbox.  
This bridge has been repaired and is being used.

Map Sheet 7214:

A. FIELD BATTERIES:  
27101890

4-gun light FA battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSES:  
271209  
271208

MG post.  
Communication trench.

Map Sheet 7015:

A. OBSTACLES:  
37004100  
37254455

RR culvert blown. 30' blown gap.  
RR culvert blown. 60' blown gap.

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Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 586:

163425 RR bridge over stream demolished. 20' blown gap, 10' wet gap.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 182:

158180 Road bridge demolished. 140' blown gap, 100' wet gap.

ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 17.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 152400A to 162400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

NO	UNIT	UNIT AND PLACE OF CAPTURE
a. New Identifications:		
1	5/II Bn, 20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	19th AIB - HATTEN
b. Old Identifications:		
3	1/I Bn, 20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	19th AIB - HATTEN

2. Units:

5/II Bn, 20 Para Regt - PW joined unit on 2 Dec 44 in ARCON, Holland. He was previously with a bombardment squadron which was disbanded due to reform of LUFTWAFFE. (Note: most bomber pilots were either re-schooled as fighter pilots or sent to Air Corps ground forces such as parachute units etc.) Bn left 20 Dec 44 from ARCON and went through following localities; OSNOLA, LUKLINGEN, WESSE, HANNOVER, GOTTINGEN, BRUCHSAL, FRIEDSBACH, and NIEDERROEDERN where it arrived in night from 12-13 Jan 45. PW observed much military activity in NIEDERROEDERN. At 0300 on 14 Jan 45, 5th Co marched toward HATTEN, went around town to the north and advanced toward RITTERSHOFFEN via 165342. German tank approached Co and after some discussion between officers, Co returned to NIEDERROEDERN on same route, where it arrived 0800. At 2000 Co left again and moved into woods via 196334 where the remainder of II Bn had also just arrived. At 0200 15 Jan 45, Bn moved to HATTEN. PW noticed tank at 1825370, and about 6-7 more spaced at about 100 yd intervals on road leading West. 9th Co went on line in houses via 178336. Co attacked at 0700 (order worded as follows: "A few enemy in some of these houses; clean them out.") Flamethrowers went in action followed by Pz Faust, then Inf attacked. Heavy small arms fire prevented any progress. At 1230 hour, order to withdraw was given. Losses of Co ca. 25-30 men, 1 officer. Strength of Co previous to attack 80 men. II Bn composed of 4 Cos, the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th; the 6th Co is the heavy weapons Co (w/ps - 81mm mortars and possibly 150s, quantity not known.) 5th Co has 3 Plats, each Plat 3 Sqds. Co had 6 men employed as tank destroyers (w/ps: 2 Offenrohrs, and large quantity of Pz Faust.) 10 men from Para Engr unit were attached to Co (w/ps: 4 flamethrowers, and pels chargers).



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1/1 Bn, 20 Para Regt - PW joined Co 15 Aug 44 when it was formed in GARDINGEN, GERMANY. On 29 Aug 44 went to ROERMONDE, Holland, from there to HACHTEL near KASSLET. Was committed against British and Canadian units middle of Sept. (All these movements and actions were made by Co as a part of 7th Para Div) 7th Para Div was pushed back behind MAAS River vic VENLO. About 16 Nov 44, was in position along MAAS until 28 Dec 44. PW heard of 3 Regts in Div also of 3 Bns per Regt but he had no further information on a 3rd Bn in the 20 Regt. 1st Co moved with 1st Bn on 28 Dec 44 over following route: ARIEN near VENLO, GULF, URSAL (7 Jan 45, end of rest period) MUNSTER, HANNOVER, BREMEN, KUNIGSDORF, STUTTGART, via KASSELHOFEN. Detrained at NIEDERKOEDEHN, attacked BATTAL ORO on 14 Jan 45. PWs were captured at 0600 14 Jan 45. PWs did not believe that their unit relieved any other Inf unit. They moved past the positions of the Inf during attack.

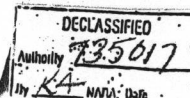
3. Personalities:

2nd Bn, 20 Para Regt	Bn CO	Maj von Katsenberg
	5th Co CO	Lt Remanski
1st Bn, 20 Para Regt	Bn CO	Capt Beyer

4. Miscellaneous:

During attack by 5th Co, PW noticed that as soon as Non-Germans became casualties, the unit disintegrated. Men finding themselves without a leader simply walked back to rear. In that manner, practically all of Co collected in rear, was then regrouped and sent out again until attack was called off.

Total PWs during Period - 4  
 Total to date - 1040



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Maps: No change

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines:

On northern front CLEESBOURG (1144), INGOLSHEIM (1441), ASCHBACH (1837), STUNDWILLER (1836), BUEL (2035), eastern part of RITTERS-NOFFEN (1533), eastern part of HATTEN (1833) and (222905).

In the Bridgehead Area:

ROESCHWOGG (2225), FT LOUAS (2322), DAIKHUNDEN (1819), DENCOLEHEIM (1821), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), (190167), northern part of HERRLICHHEIM (1214), (1212), (1011), GAMESHEIM (1110).

b. Units in Contact:

New identifications -- (See OB Annex No 2)

- (1) 5,6,7,8, Cos, II Bn, 19 Para Regt
- (2) Eins II Bn, 21 Para Regt

Other Units in Contact:

- (1) No change. (See Periodic Report No 20.)

c. Reserves:

The identification of elements of the 3 Regts of the 7th Para Div in both the northern and bridgehead sectors suggests the possibility of the balance of the division being employed. Additional reserves might include both the 10 SS Pz Div and the 11th Pz Div which have been unlocated for more than a month.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

a. General Summary:

During the night the 222d Inf OPL received medium to heavy volume of harassing Arty fire received along front during night. By 2215A, enemy counterattack in HATTEN was under control. Moderate Arty and mortar fire fell during the night and the enemy maintained aggressive patrols. The 232d Inf reported heavy vehicular movement Vic FORST-FELD (222), with most traffic headed S toward LEUTENHEIM (2127) and ROTTENHEIM (2327). Heavy mortar and S/A fire was received Vic ROESCHWOGG (2225) and by 0600 our OP there had been forced to withdraw. Situation in STEINTAL woods was still uncertain at 0600A with some enemy patrolling Vic HERRLICHHEIM. Later in the morning the enemy became aggressive in ESSENHEIM (7882) and continued to

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resist from well camouflaged positions in the DRUSENHEIM - GAMBESHEIM area. Pressure also continued in HATTEN and our troops encountered stiff opposition from three strong points in RITTERSHOFFEN. In the bridgehead area our troops were fighting in HEHLISHEIM. Heavy AT fire was received from OFFENDORF (1312) and our bridgehead subjected to heavy MG and AT fire from dug-in positions along RR between (135155) and (145169). The enemy employed an estimated 2 Cos supported by 8 tanks and assault guns to seize STATTWEITEN (1921), DENGOLMEIM (1821) and part of SEESSENHEIM. Other enemy troops were reported W of river Vic (175205). Arty destroyed 2 enemy tanks in SEESSENHEIM and remainder withdrew. The enemy launched two Inf tank supported counterattacks in HATTEN, the first from the E at 0730A and the latter from the SE at 1130A. Bitter house-to-house fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN and enemy mortar and Arty fire fell on ridge NW of town. The enemy was reinforcing his unit in ROESCHWOOB and at 1430 a mixture of paratroops and Inf attacked C Co, 232d Inf Vic of AUEHEIM but were repulsed. As the period closed tracked vehicles were reported moving N from STATTWEITEN in direction of AUEHEIM. In the HATTEN area traffic was less than during the previous night while traffic from HATTEN to BUEL appeared heavier.

b. Component Units:

(1) Artillery:

1st Arty landed Vic (137414) at 0100A. At 1030A, 1st and 2d Bns, 222d Inf were receiving more than normal amount of mortar fire and reported estimated 88 mm fire coming from Vic RIEDELIS. Other than these reports, enemy artillery was conspicuously absent during the day and up until the close of the period.

(2) Infantry

Enemy patrol was contacted Vic (182203) at 2215A. A 5 man enemy patrol approached OP at KAUFFENHEIM from FORSTFELD but withdrew when fired on. S/A, MG and mortar fire was encountered by friendly patrols in 222d area before midnight and again at 2350. At 0200 enemy patrols probed at 242d Inf sector but were repulsed. By 1025 enemy had entered both STATTWEITEN and DEICOLMEIM with an estimated strength of 2 Cos of Inf and 8 tanks. By 1045 the advance had reached outskirts of SEESSENHEIM and reinforcements were arriving for the attackers. At 1100A the enemy was entrenching along RR tracks in K Co, 232d Inf sector and FORSTFELD was reported occupied by the enemy. By 1155 the enemy was moving reinforcements into ROESCHWOOB. At 1207 the enemy withdrew from K Co's left flank and B Co was reported surrounded in SEESSENHEIM. Additional enemy troops were seen moving from FORT LOUIS to ROESCHWOOB. At 1300A the enemy repulsed an attack on DENGOLMEIM; while friendly tanks were reported cleaning SEESSENHEIM. A mixture of paratroops and Inf attacked C Co, Vic AUEHEIM but were driven off and 10 PW's taken. At 1640 the 222d Inf reported enemy appeared to be increasing his forces in woods in that sector. A friendly

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counterattack on EESSENHEIM, supported by tanks had succeeded in driving the enemy S of the RH tracks and at 1655A the PW count in that town showed 25 - 26. At 1720, 40 Inf and 8 tanks were seen moving out of woods at (190323).

(3) Tanks

8 tanks were reported supporting the enemy attack on EESSENHEIM at 1805 and at 1115A, 2 had been knocked out by friendly Arty, the remainder withdrawing toward DENGOLSHHEIM. 8 enemy tanks were reported Vic (190323) at 1720.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. PW's taken today: 37. To date: 327. For detailed interrogation report, see Annex No 1. (French and 12th Armored Forces report 115 PW's taken 16 Jan and 236 on 17 Jan in bridgehead.)
- b. Additional Rhine crossing sites have been reported at (293211) and (275270), indicating enemy has means for supplying his forces in the FORSTHEID - ROESCHWOO - DALHUNDEN sector.
- c. Weather 18 Jan 45 - Low overcast in morning, becoming broken to overcast in afternoon. Moderate intermittent snow throughout period. Visibility 1 mi until 1100A due to fog and snow, improving to 4-5 mi in afternoon, except 1/2 mi in snow. Wind NW 12 - 16 MPH. Min Temp 22°F.

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
18 Jan	0614	1708	1056	2231
19 Jan	0819	1709	1121	2347

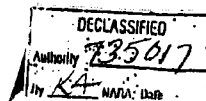
d. Miscellaneous

- (1) Enemy seen wearing white camouflage suits today, also wore a red band on their left arm, probably as means of identification.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. To intensify his attack in the HATTEN-RITTERHOFFEN area with forces already in contact reinforced by up to 3 Bns of the 7th Para Div.
- b. To renew his attack in the ROESCHWOO - AUERNHEIM - EESSENHEIM sector employing remainder of the 7th Para Div.
- c. To carry out "b", reinforcing with elements of the 21st Pz and 25th Pz Gr Divs.
- d. To defend the GALSHEIM - DRUSENHEIM bridgehead.

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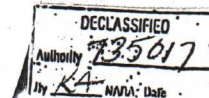
IPW SUMMARY REPORT

From: 1600 16 Jan 45  
To : 1600 17 Jan 45

- | 1. UNIT IDENTIFICATION                     | #PW | CAPTURED BY | PLACE            | DATE |
|--|-----|-------------|------------------|------|
| 1st Co, 192d Pz Gr                         | 1   | 313th Inf   | Vic Rittershofen | 17   |
| 6th Co, Bn Thomas                          | 7   | 232d Inf    | Sessenheim       | 16   |
| 70th Nebelwerfer Regt (Deserter Lithuania) | 1   | 232d Inf    | Auenheim         | 16   |
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- | 2. DESERTER PWs APPREHENDED BY 79th CIC DET | #PW | Last Unit Location | Date      |
|---|-----|--------------------|-----------|
| Unit  |     |                    |           |
| 3d Co, 243d AT Repl Bn (?)                  | 1   | Wurzberg           | 14 Nov 44 |
| 1st Btry, 40th Arty Tng Bn                  | 1   | Dresden            | 13 Aug 44 |
| Total PWs processed during period           | 11  |                    |           |
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3. UNIT ORGANIZATION STRENGTH & DISPOSITION
- Deserter PWs apprehended by 79th CIC Det were Alsations in Civilian clothes who received furloughs and deserted.
- PW of the 1st Co, 192d Pz Gr, 21st Pz Div was a member of a patrol which started out from (16563405) to determine the disposition of the enemy troops in the northern section of Rittershofen. PW states that the Co has a strength of approx 30 men, and that the entire 1st Bn has suffered very heavy losses both here and in the Vic of Bitche. PW is in position at (16563405) with approx 80 other men. PW states that these 80 men might be the remainder of the 1st Bn. PW states that their mission at this point was to defend.
- Bn Thomas was organized on the 23 Nov in Constance, left this city on the 2d Dec and arrived in Stollhofen after many short trips on the 2d Jan. Bn crossed the Rhine at (23182100) in makeshift ferry consisting of lashed pontoons plus motor boat and occupied the town of Dohlhunden on the 13 Jan. PW states that a patrol was sent to Sessenheim on the night of the 15 Jan and reported the town clear. 6th Co was dispatched to occupy the town the morning of the 16, met heavy fire in town and withdrew to Dohlhunden after suffering some losses. Bn Thomas consists of the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Cos and has an approx Bn strength of 300 to 350 men. The 8th Co is a heavy company having an undetermined amount of HMG and 80mm mortars. The Bn was in position around the town of Dohlhunden with the 6th Co securing the western approaches to town. At night 1/2 of the Bn is on line and the other 1/2 sleeps in houses in town. During the day, 1/4 of the Bn is on line on the outskirts of town and 3/4 are in town in bldgs.
- During the period the 2nd Bn, 21st Para Regt attacked the town of Sessenheim from an assembly area in forest Vic of (180215). Approx 31 prisoners plus 6 wounded PWs were taken as the attack was repulsed. The Bn attack was made with the support of 6-8 Assault Guns which officer PW identified as belonging to some armor unit north of the forest. (Probably the 21st Pz of 25th Pz Gr Divs). The Bn also had one squad of the 15th Co (Engr Co) 21st Para Regt attached who were to lay mines to secure western approach to town of Sessenheim after taken. Mission of the attack was to take and secure the town of Sessenheim. According to PWs and documents captured, the 21st Para Regt consists of 2 Bns and a 15th Co. The last known location of the 1st Bn, 21st Para Regt was in Holland. The 1st Bn, 21st Para has not been seen since. Bn strength estimated at 360 men plus Bn Hq and trains for a total of approx 440 men. Officer PW has heard that a third Bn is now being formed, along with a 13th and 14th Co. The 6th Co, 21st Para Regt pointed the attack and according to PWs had a strength of approx 55 men when it withdrew to the original assembly area. 6th Co originally had 90 men, which was divided into two rifle platoons and a mortar squad with one 80mm mortar (called mortar platoon). The 5th Co, 21st Para Regt also participated in attack and

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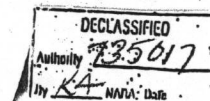
1. New Identifications:

- a. Elements of II Bn/21 Para Regt and II Bn/19 Para Regt, known respectively as Regt HARDEGG and Regt MENZEL. This brings elements of all three Regts of the 7 Para Div onto our sector. So far no other identifications of component parts of the Div have been made. One PW, an Officer, of the II Bn/21 Para Regt claims that the Regt had only two Bns. He didn't know the location of the 1 Bn. SHAET Confidential Intelligence Notes No. 43 dated 6 Jan 45, show in the organization of the 21 Para Regt, a III Bn and even give some weapons of the three Rifle Cos. All Para Divs contacted to date have had three Bns per Regt. The presence of a third Bn can be expected until there is conclusive proof that it does not exist.
- b. Organization and Weapons (PW Statements):
  - II Bn/19 Para Regt (360 combat strength) (Capt Bogenritter)
    - 5 Co (Rifle Co)
    - 6 Co (Rifle Co)
    - 7 Co (Rifle Co) 1st Lt Bömmes
      - 3 Plats, 3 Squads/Plat, 2 IMG/Squad, No mortars - no bazookas
    - 8 Co (Heavy Co) 2 HMG Plats, 2 IMGS per Plat, 2x8, 1 cm mortars, some bazookas -- number unknown.
  - II Bn/21 Para Regt (360 combat strength) Capt Jäger
    - 5, 6, 7 Cos (Rifle Cos), and 8 Co (Heavy Co)
    - No definite breakdown of weapons, but can be expected to be very similar to the above.
- c. The Para Div seems to have operated as a Div in previous commitments in Holland, with Bns under Div and not Regimental control. Officer PW claims that they were only under Div control, which may account for the disagreement in organization.
- d. Units which still are to be identified are:
  - 7 Para Arty Regt
  - 7 Para Sig Bn
  - 7 Para Engr Bn
  - 7 Para AT Bn
  - 13 and 14 Cos of the Regts.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Maps: No change.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy Front Lines:

On the northern front (see Periodic Report No 23). In the bridge head area ROESCHWOGG (2125), SPATIMATTEN (1921), SESSENHEIM (1822), (2020), southern part of DRUSENHEIM (1517), HERRLICHEIM (1214), (1011), GANDSHEIM.

b. Units in contact:

On northern front: 21 Pz Div, 25 Pz Gr Div, BG Loewen, 1st and 2d Bns Para Regt, elements 937th Regt (245 VG Div). In the bridgehead area: 2d Bn, 19th Para Regt, 2d Bn 21st Para Regt. Both groups under command 553d VG Div. Battalion Hoppe, last contacted in the SPATIMATTEN area, has turned up in ROMHEIM where, according to PW's the Bn was to perform security and patrolling missions.

c. Reserves:

Elements of the 19th and the 21st Para Regts, plus organic and attached AT guns. Assault guns and tanks must be considered the reserves available to the enemy in the SESSENHEIM - AUENHEIM - RUNZENHEIM area.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

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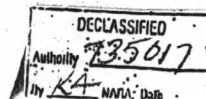
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IW SUMMARY REPORT

From: 1600 17 Jan 45  
To : 1600 18 Jan 45

1. UNIT IDENTIFICATION	#PW	CAPTURED BY	PLACE	DATE
Co Wimmer (Co A/33), Bn Hoppe	7	232d Inf	Vic Kauffenheim	18
Trains, 3d Bn, 20th Para Regt	1	313th Inf	Rittershofen	18
3d Co, 2d SS Police Regt	2	314th Inf	Herrlisheim	17
Convalescent Co, 317th Inf, 211th ID (Alsatian deserters - unit Prussia)	2	222d Inf	S Cleeburg	18
2d Bn Hq, 21st Para Regt	8	232d Inf	Sessenheim	17
5th Co, 21st Para Regt	5	232d Inf	Sessenheim	17
6th Co, 21st Para Regt	16	232d Inf	Sessenheim	17
7th Co, 21st Para Regt	1	232d Inf	Sessenheim	17
15th Co, 21st Para Regt	3	232d Inf	Sessenheim	17
7th Co, 19th Para Regt	14	232d Inf	N Auenheim	17
Total	59			

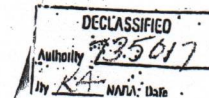
2. UNIT ORGANIZATION STRENGTH & DISPOSITION

Co A/33, formerly known as Co Wimmer, Bn Hoppe was virtually destroyed in its first attempt to take Stattmatten. Co went across the Rhine to be reorganized, and received repl from the 5th Drivers Repl Tng Bn in Reutatt. Co again came to the west side of Rhine on the 17 Jan crossing at 233210 after which the entire Co went to Roppenheim. PW states that the entire Bn Hoppe has been reorganized with a strength of approx 250 men divided into three companies, all of which are at the present time in Roppenheim. The 3 Cos of the Bn Hoppe are A/34 also known as Co Starke, A/33 also known as Co Wimmer and Co Menzel which is also probably known as Co A/35. 9 men of Co Wimmer (A/33) were sent out on patrol from Roppenheim with a mission of determining whether or not Lautenheim was clear of enemy forces. PW states that the patrol lost its way and went to Kauffenheim where according to PWs one man of the patrol was killed and 8 captured. One of the captured men was seriously wounded. PW states that the entire Bn Hoppe is in the town of Roppenheim. PWs state mission of their Co was to hold town of Roppenheim.

The 3d Co, 2d SS Police Regt crossed the Rhine from Scherzheim on the night 14-15 Jan with a strength of 120 men. Company went to town of Herrlisheim and took up position at (125154). PW states that the 4th Co is on their right flank. Co suffered heavy losses in yesterday's attack and medical PW treated 65 wounded from 3d Co. Personnel of the Co were all over 38 years of age and were ready to surrender but were prevented by their first sergeant who constantly promised the unit would be relieved. The Co CP in Herrlisheim was destroyed and the Co Cmdr badly wounded or killed. The SS Police Units were supported by 3 75mm Assault Guns which were last known to be in position at (12911496). Kitchen and trains of the Bn have not crossed the Rhine and are still located in town of Scherzheim.

PWs of the Convalescent Co, 317th Inf, 211th Inf Div stated that the division had been badly mauled on East Prussian front and was now being reorganized in various towns of West Prussia into a Volks Grenadier Div. PWs stated they received furloughs to Landau, made their way south through Wissembourg, Rott and Cleeburg to desert to American forces at (108441). PW states that the German line is thinly held in this sector and that he saw only three German soldiers between Berg Zabern and the American front lines. PW claims that German line runs from cemetery south of Cleeburg (119444) north to river and along river to road at (107451). PW spoke to civilian in Wissembourg who claimed that the bridge in that city was heavily used during the night.





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Hohensteufen would participate in the attack.

6. ENEMY INSTALLATIONS

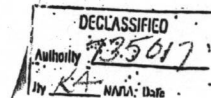
Bridge west of Niederroedern at (21313408).

Btry of 4 165mm How in position south of road at (14654794).

3d Bn, 20th Para Regt Trains (6 Trucks - 7 HD Vehicles) at (310379).

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I. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS:

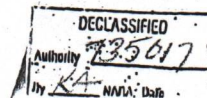
- a. 15 Co, 21st Para Regt
- b. Bn Trains, 3 Bn, 20th Para Regt

II. SUMMARY:

- a. The contact with the Bn Trains of the 3 Bn, 20th Para Regt establishes this Regt as having three Bns as was expected despite earlier PW reports. It is quite evident that 3 Bns can be expected with the other two Regts. This point is further borne out by the identification of the 15 Co, 21st Para Regt in the SESSERHEIM area is very suspicious, although no definite identification has been made. The reason for this suspicion is the reported great amount of German fire in this area, and other Para Regts are known to have large numbers of Germans in the 14 Co (AT). There has been no definite identification of Arty, but PWs have reported movement of motorized arty believed to be 105s. The 7 Para Arty Regt has been reported to have this type of arty and 3 Bns, 3 Bns (1 Hows each) each can be expected. The picture begins to build up to the extent that the presence of the entire Div is in the area. The extent to which the Div has progressed in its organization is not too well known, and upon this depends the extent to which the organic Div support Bns have progressed in organization.
- b. The 106 Pz Brigade, last contacted up till 14 Jan on the French First Army front has been reported to be moving. Troops in SESSERHEIM, today reported receiving Nebelwerfer fire and this unit is known to have a Nebelwerfer Co. It is possible that we are in contact with one of the Brig.
- c. PW statements that 9 Pz Divs are going to move into the Alsace sector cannot be disregarded. He named the 2 SS, 9 SS, and 5 SS Pz Divs. The 5 SS Pz Div according to Russians was on the Eastern front up till Christmas. The 2 SS and 9 SS Pz Divs were in the Ardennes Salient. These Divs are probably on the loose either being refitted or else to be used without any refitting.

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REPORT OF CAPT FOGARTY, Ln Off to XV Corps

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FIRST US ARMY

VII Corps: No change.

THIRD US ARMY

III Corps: A US Cav Grp cleared TARCHAMPS (P608520) at 1400 today and are continuing their attack to the NE.  
A US Inf Div captured DONNEGIN (P640540) and a crossroad at P649511. Elmts of this Div fighting in BONLEZ (630533). One Regt is along the high ground along line (P643550) to ((P650555). The Div caught an ey elm on road running SE vic DONCOL and completely disorganized it with arty fire. About 400 PWS were taken. One regt is in vic HAVIGNE (645487).  
One US Inf Div advanced to line TARCHAMPS- (P622518) and to line (P610505) and (P620505).  
A US Inf Div captured LUTRE MANGE (P582580) and has other elements at (P584528) and (P583520); along line (P587542) to (583-536); and at (P584530), the ey is retreating is retreating in this area very disorderly and suffered hvy losses in todays fighting; other elements advanced to line (P596548) - (P599544) - (P594538).

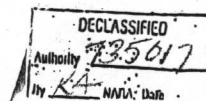
VIII Corps: Elmts of a US InfDiv entered ST HUBERT (P308612) and VESQUEVILLE (P324587). Other elms along line (P400602).

XII Corps: No change

XX Corps: No change

XXI Corps: Becomes operational at 1800 tomorrow.





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**REPORT OF CAPT FOGARTY, LN OFF TO XV CORPS**

**15 JANUARY 1945**

**FIRST US ARMY**

**VII Corps:** Elms of a US Inf Div cut road at P543756 and other elms adv to P675815 and P692835.  
A US Armd Div captured the town of FISERETTE (P6081) and a CC moved to P580792.  
Another US Armd Div made good progress with one CC at P742784 and while another CC adv to P650770 - P665778 and P670790. Its Ron Sq established road blocks at P640780.

**THIRD US ARMY**

**III Corps:** A US Armd Div captured BENONCHAMPS (P6258), while other elms adv to P616566 and P616591, and cleared MARGRET and also adv thru BOIS DE MARGRET on the east side of town. A US Inf Div is digging in on the high ground S of the WILTZ RIVER. Another US Inf Div is fighting against stiffened resistance and rec'd a bombing atk at BAAS.

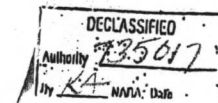
**VIII Corps:** A US Inf Div captured GOBRU (P5864) and has other elms at P583637 and P573636. Other elms at P530667 - P535656.  
A Br A/B Div is fighting in FERTOON (P5267). Other elms at P480660 and P518678.

**IX Corps:** A US Inf Div has captured TETTINGEN (LO45025) and BUTZDORF (LO46030)

**SEVENTH US ARMY**

**XI Corps** No change

**XV Corps:** No change.



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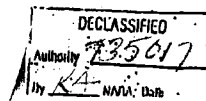
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1. a. Omitted.  
b. TFW w/dr. to HAGENAU defense line on Corps Order.
2. 315th Inf. (68 AIB & 2nd Bn, 313th attdhd for w/dr) commence w/dr at dark, 20 Jan. 1945 by infiltration. (Assemble at entrucking area, move by mtr. to rear assbly area). 2nd Bn. attdhd CCR for w/drawl, will move on CCR's transp. to rear assbly area (Overlay).
3. a. 3rd Bn, 315th commence w/drawl by infiltration from RITTERSHOFFEN at dark, 20 Jan. Leave shell consisting of one plat w/auto wpns and tanks and TD's. Shell to w/draw commencing 210300. TD's revert to 1st Bn at pt. coord. w/1st Bn. Tanks revert to 48th TK Bn. after successful w/drawl of shell. (Coord w/CO, 48th Tk Bn) Rte of w/dr, entrucking area, rte to rear assbly area (Overlay).  
b. 1st Bn - covering force of not less than one (1) Co. to occupy position W. of RITTERSHOFFEN to cover w/drawl main body from RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. Covering force to commence w/drawl at 0500; TD's act as rear gd. covering force for Bn. Rtes, Assbly area, entrck. pt., rtes to rear assbly area. (Overlay).  
c. 2nd Bn move from entrck. area East end NEIDERBETSCHDORF under control Bn. Comdr. Notify Regt. when ready to move, for clearance. Revert veh. to 14th Armd Div. control at detrucking point (Overlay).  
d. 68th A.I. Bn. - commence w/dr. from RITTERSHOFFEN by infiltration at dark. Leave shell consisting of one (1) Plat w/auto. wpns., & tks. Shell to commence w/drawl. at 210300; Tks. revert 48th Tk. Bn. after w/drawl. (Coord. with CO, 48th Tk. Bn) 68th A.I. Bn revert to 14th Armd control at entrck area (Overlay).  
e. A.T. Co. - Coord. w/dr. A.T. guns in RITTERSHOFFEN w/3rd Bn to commence at dark. Move to new assbly area 192000 Jan. (Overlay) 0400  
f. Cn. Co. - Remain in position until 210530 to support covering force w/drawl. Road march at that time to new assbly area (Overlay).  
g. Hq. Co. - Commence infiltration w/drawl at 201900 to new area. Operations (fw and rear) move on order.  
h. Co. "C", 304th Med. Bn. - move to new assbly area by infiltration commencing at once. Leave shell of evac. personnel to w/drawl 210500 Jan. Rte, assbly area (Overlay).  
i. Tks and TD's - move under control of units to which attdhd until w/drawn behind covering force. Tanks revert control 48th Tk. Bn. at that time. TD's now at RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN attdhd 1st Bn for covering force; w/drawl with covering force commencing 210500, as rear guard. Revert 14th Armd control at SURBOURG.  
j. IAR Platoon; Guides on rte from NEIDERBETSCHDORF to destination. IAR Plat Ldr will accompany rear gd. to pick up guides on own transportation.  
k. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn - Road march (S) Plat to assbly area at dark; Road march remainder of Co. at 202100 Jan. to assbly area. Rte, assbly area (Overlay)  
l. 2nd Bn, 313th - Commence w/drawl at 201830. 15 QM Trucks avail. Retain control of trucks upon arrival new area. Disposition by G-4 later. Revert control 313th Inf. new area.  
m. (1) Utmost care must be taken to assure secrecy of movement. Caution in breaking contact w/en. is very necessary.  
(2) All property, vehicles, and am. units which cannot be w/drawl, must be thoroughly destroyed prior to departure, to safeguard against falling into En. hands.  
(3) Units will notify Regt. when ready to entruck for clearances. All avail. trans. to move to new area by infiltration as early as possible.  
(4) Q.M. Veh. retained in Bn. areas subject to regt. Call on arrival new area.
4. Truckhead daily - MOMMENHEIM.
5. a. Radio - Normal. No mention of movement over air.  
b. CP's (Overlay) Close present location 210500; Open new area on arrival.

SCHRIEVER

OFFICIAL:

HOOVER,  
Major, S-3



TO CO - 100425

# FULLER RED HEADQUARTERS

Lt. Vichery's Patrol 082130A Jan to 100425 Jan 45

Composition: Lt. VICHERY Patrol Ldr  
Phillips, Willard Pfc (MIA)  
Strazinski, Andrew Pfc (MIA)  
Erdman, Stanton Pfc  
Kouff, Charles

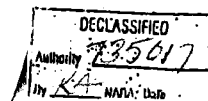
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SCR 300 Radio Opr  
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To establish (McElhaney, Wayne (D. Co.)  
a listening (Rishling, Theodore (1st Bn Hq Co)  
post with Lt.  
VICKERY

Mission: To gain information of enemy Arty, armor and infantry  
moving into or through Niederoerden. As soon as infor-  
mation gained, relay same by radio to Bn CP.

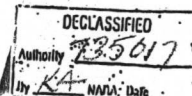
0030 -- 1st listening post set up - Phillips and Strazinski.  
Rest of patrol moved on. That was the last heard from that patrol  
except for BAR firing heard. Both men carried BARs.  
Rest of patrol moved about 20 yds - took up security position when  
they sighted German Guards. They were smoking and talking - probably  
perimeter guards. Could hear sounds of what seemed to be a chow  
line. Decided to investigate this area as it seemed to be an  
Assembly Area. At this point the mission was complete as patrol had  
found what it had been sent to locate.  
Turned around to return - saw other Germans smoking, both to rear  
and flanks. We thought we were surrounded or ambushed. We waded  
in a nearby stream for a short way as it was the only way out. By  
creeping and crawling, we made it to the edge of the road running  
E and W. We found about 45 enemy armored vehicles moving in the  
direction of Hatten. During this time we kept trying to contact our  
CP with the SCR 300 but couldn't get through.  
Our patrol then moved back to edge of woods, approximately 1200 yds  
SE of Hatten. We were halted by a German - about 20 years old. The  
patrol froze in position - stayed there for approximately 5 minutes.  
German sentry did nothing more about it. Patrol dropped back except  
Lt. Vickery who remained in observation for about 5 minutes. Saw  
8 Germans move a mortar into position 10 yds away (0425). At about  
this time Jerry launched his 1st attack on Hatten.  
It was getting light, so the patrol moved back into the woods  
150-200-yds and built a brush shelter. Decided to plan further action.  
The patrol decided to go to the left flank and try to fight its way  
to Pillbox #0. At daylight the patrol moved out. Had gone but a  
short distance (about 25 yds) when they were discovered by a tank  
crew dressed in white. Both crew and tank started toward us and we  
withdrew to the right 50 yds away. We hid in some underbrush. Re-  
mained there all day - in observation. The road nearby was main route  
for evacuation of wounded as well as for reinforcements moving to  
the front. During this time Ruhling's feet froze (had on combat  
boots). (He did not tell Lt. Vickery about this until in VI Corps  
Hq when he took his boots off and we saw his socks were frozen to  
his feet). Food for the entire patrol consisted of one K ration  
can of ham and eggs, and 1 chocolate bar. Tried to communicate with  
Bn CP by radio all day, but no luck. In the meantime, enemy activity  
had shifted to SW - but patrol believed Pillbox #0 untouched. Our  
plan for the night was to try to get to Pillbox #0. Started at  
1830 - hour of darkness. Again met guards - changed route 180 degrees  
- and went north. Found enemy vehicles in large numbers parked near  
RR track. Crossed RR - travelled E right flank. Could see fires  
(proved to be Hatten burning). Broke into open field.





Trend of enemy armored movement was S to N. We moved toward Hatten and found more enemy troops - no friendly troops. On Ruhling's info, patrol tried for the 313th. lines. Found concertina wire but no 313th. We ran into a 15 man enemy patrol. They were closed in, with no security. One of them called to Lt. Vickery - "Are you German or American" (in good English) and then said something in German. Vickery's patrol hit the ground and withdrew. Vickery then ordered no firing except to save own life. Then patrol moved to the Bn's previous right flank to NE of Hatten. Approached within 5 yds of enemy in Pillbox #4. Vickery asked, "Are you American?" Reply was in German and we withdrew. No one followed us. We were preparing to cross the road when 4 enemy one-half tracks came up and stopped. One company of Germans destroyed. Patrol then went SW to RR track. All defenses were unoccupied. Went W along RR to RR crossing S of Hatten - old location of B Co CP. An enemy tank was in the CP garage. Halted again by Germans, we quietly withdrew. The patrol moved in arcs starting at the RR - moving S and then N. Our 1st plan was to get to Rittershoffen. We were fired on by a burp gun and withdrew. Then saw a small red light about 500 yds away to the W. Headed toward it, found it was a fire in the yard of a house along the road S of Rittershoffen. We skirted the town and headed for the sound of guns we thought to be friendly Arty. Got on a road leading W of Rittershoffen. Heard an 81mm mortar firing. Location of firing seemed to change. A jeep moved after each 2 rounds fired. At this point we dropped the radio. Kouff and Erdman went ahead to follow the sound of the 81mm and jeep. Vickery stayed in center to keep Ruhling and McElheney up. They were exhausted and falling back. We ran into a communication wire - followed it. We knew only that we were travelling toward the guns. At about 0230 located a prime-mover. Hopped into cab and remained there. Kouff and Erdman again headed toward the sound of guns - but before they got started an American tank approached. We stopped the tank and were informed that a 2 1/2 ton truck would come and pick us up and take us to VI Corps and then to our own troops.

Endurance of the men was Superior.  
Attention to Orders was Superior.  
Learned many lessons. Ate snow to get water. Ate snowballs. thirst unquenchable.  
On way back to Corps Hq., Ruhling confessed his feet were frozen. We never knew what the true friendly situation was while on the patrol.



To 4-

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FI REPORT on sorties dated 16 Jan 45  
Taken from General Interpretation Reports

GENERAL NOTE:

Considerable activity is seen in the neighborhood of WINTZENSACH, ERLBACH, AND NILDORF. There are a number of both field and AA batteries and some motor transport are seen throughout the area; trackage in the area is heavy.

South of KLINGENMUNSTER (R2060), MORZHEIM (R2463), STANISLAU (R2958) and ERLBACH (R3357) many batteries both FA and AA have become unoccupied. This activity has been progressing since January 14.

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SHEET 7014

FIELD BATTERIES

- ✓ 22453473 2 gun Light FA battery
- ✓ 23113500 4 gun Lt FA battery
- ✓ 24133573 2 gun lt FA battery (possible)
- ✓ 23603645 3 gun Lt FA battery
- ✓ 23593660 3 gun lt FA battery--can not tell definitely whether occupied
- ✓ 26163447 4 gun lt FA battery--new position.
- ✓ 22863434 2 gun lt FA battery (possible)
- ✓ 26333563 4 gun Lt FA battery can not tell definitely whether all positions are occupied.
- ✓ 21703455 2 gun lt FA battery

AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS

- ✓ 26953500 4 gun hv AA where formerly was reported a 2 gun SP battery
- ✓ 26853504) 3 possibly 4 gun Lt AA battery at each coordinate.
- ✓ 26033463)
- ✓ 21443432 This formerly reported 4 gun hv AA has been shelled and now is unoccupied.
- ✓ 22103420) 3 gun Lt AA at each coordinate
- ✓ 22103406)
- ✓ 34213410)
- ✓ 24353506)
- ✓ 24003537)
- ✓ 23053430 4 gun hv AA battery
- ✓ 23423585 & 24803639: Battery of nine Searchlight or possibly Lt AA guns at each coordinate. Unable to determine which.
- ✓ 24653687 12 Searchlight or AA guns (lt) Unable to determine.
- ✓ 25723744 Previously reported 6 gun Hv AA now unoccupied.
- ✓ 26813665 3 gun Lt AA/SP battery
- ✓ 25853784 3 gun Lt AA
- ✓ 26643606 3 gun Lt AA/SP
- ✓ 27053653 Probably 3 gun Lt AA battery
- ✓ 27163528 \* 26953520: 3 gun Lt AA battery at each coordinate.

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PI Report

MISCELLANEOUS

23413416 Several vehicles and considerable trackage.  
 23143485 Nine Motor transport parked in this area PM of 16 Jan.  
 25883455 Six MTat this location and considerable trackage hereat the edge of the woods.

SHEET 7015

39394034 Recently prepared positions of 3 gun FA battery unocc.  
 33104124 Previously reported 4 gun hv AA battery now appears to be a six gun Hv AA battery.

SHEET 7114

26493315 Previously reported Lt FA battery now thought to be 4 Lt AAA  
 21872925 4 unocc. emplacements for SP guns.  
 26753260 3 3-gun Lt AA batteries  
 27603225 A 4-gun and a 3-gun Lt AA battery  
 26452931, 26352919, & 26302910: 1 Lt AA gun at each coordinate.

SHEET 7115

32822875 This previously reported 4 gun Lt FA battery appears to be unocc. The guns may have moved into the 4 casemates to the rear of the battery.

SHEET 7214

21052178 Unocc 4 gun Lt FA battery.  
 20001524 & 20041535: 4 gun Hv AA battery at each coordinate.

SHEET xxxviii-15-3&4

10401070 2 hv AA guns  
 13061310 3 gun Lt AA  
 12401255 3 gun Lt AA where single gun was previously reported.  
 12401220 Previously reported 3 gun Lt AA battery has been shelled. Only one gun remains in position.

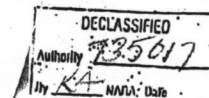
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MISCELLANEOUS SHEETS AND INFORMATION

13561300 & 13751245 These three Lt AA batteries now occ.  
 23022335 Bridge now repaired and is now opened for 2 lane traffic.  
 276271 Ferry in operation. Single lane approaches.  
 32453704 70' of ponton equipment tied up to East bank of RHINE.  
 5045 Marshalling yards at KARLSRUHE: 450 cars and 3 locos in steam, vicinity of station at 487440. Decrease of 20 cars and 10% turnover since 14 Jan. The main yard remains inactive, and bombing since 9 Jan has seriously damaged the SW approach at 487440.  
 45576 ST. INGEBERT: 170 cars and 1 loc in steam. of these 16 are flats bearing camouflaged loads, possibly MT or tanks. Decrease of 10 cars and 50% turnover since 5 Jan.

*Libson*





IPW REPORT  
222 REGT

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19 Jan 45

1. Unit Identification:

- 1 P/W-1st Co Battalion "Schindler" 845 Div Capt'd by C Co vic(12-41)
- 1 P/W- Ren Co "von Loefen"-Capt'd by 3rd Bn vic Hunsbach

2. Strength and Organization:

P/W made following statements concerning 1st Co Bn Schindler:

- 1st Co- 108 men as of 18 Jan
- 3 Platoons-1st had 4 squads and total of 48 men
- 2 and 3 platoon had remainder of men
- (P/W had heard that 1st Co had moved into vic app 14 days ago)

P/W made following statements concerning Ren Co von Loefen:

- Ren Co-60-70 men total strength
- 4 platoons with 4 squads each
- Each squad consisted of 5 men plus 1 Sgt.
- (P/W stated Co in position about 14 days)

3. Armaments:

- 1st Co Bn Schindler (according to P/W)
- Each squad had rifles and 1 light machine gun
- 1st platoon had 12-15 Panzerfaust (a large number for 1 platoon)

Ren Co von Loefen (according to P/W)

- Co had 12 light machine guns with 250 rounds per gun
- Each platoon had 3 light machine guns, leaving one squad without a light machine gun.
- Each platoon had 3 Panzerfaust, which were not yet distributed.
- Remainder of men had rifles and some egg-type grenades.

4. Locations:

- CP 1st Co Bn Schindler-in dugout vic (14.7-42.0)
- CP Bn Schindler believed to be in Oberhoffen.
- Company train of 1st Co Bn Schindler in Riedseltz
- P/W stated he saw AT gun(caliber uncertain) vic (14.7-42.2)
- Squad of Ren Co von Loefen with light machine gun vic(15.8-40.4)
- Squad of Ren Co von Loefen with light machine gun at lower road crossing(18.2-37.2) in Aschbach.
- CP Ren Co von Loefen with radio vic (18.3-37.2) (House on upper NW corner of cross road)

5. Troop Disposition:

- P/W fr 1st Co Bn Schindler stated platoons on line about 500 yards in front of CP, with 1st platoon in center, 2nd platoon on its right and 3rd platoon on its left. P/W stated he had heard 2nd Co was on right, but had not seen it.
- P/W fr Ren Co von Loefen stated 2 squads are always in position as listed in 4 and 2 squads always in Aschbach resting. Squads work 24 hour shifts, relieving each other around 1700, but time varies according to meals. P/W stated squad near Hunsbach station has orders to withdraw to Aschbach if attacked.

6. Supply:

- P/W fr 1st Co Bn Schindler stated ammo is brought from Riedseltz by sled between 2000 and 2200. Food is also from there.
- P/W fr Ren Co von Loefen stated unit gets one hot meal a day at about 1700 which is brought from Niederlauterbach or Niederseebach by horse-drawn cart.

C.O. Bn Schindler-1st Lt. Schindler  
C.O. 1st Co Bn Schindler-2nd Lt. Knoth  
CqO. Ren Co von Loefen-2nd Lt. von Loefen

8. Morale;

P/W 1st Co Bn Schindler stated that Co received insufficient food and that the men had to stand guard 21 hours with 3 hours off. Because of this they did a great deal of complaining.  
P/W Ren Bn von Loefen stated morale was bad in his outfit.

9. Miscellaneous;

P/W 1st Co Bn Schindler stated that the Co Commander told his men to expect an attack at any time and to be very vigilant.

P/W Ren Co von Loefen stated his unit had received 3 weeks of TD training in Landau. P/W stated he crossed Rhine at Speier and said bridge in good shape at that time.  
Same P/W stated Co lost 20 men near Trimbach last week, either, dead, wounded or captured, and 4 men of outfit were killed in Hunsbach station last week.

10. OB

P/W 1st Co Bn Schindler stated he joined a new Co 16 Dec 44 in Kandel near Landau and that 23 Dec this co was made part of 987 Inf Div. This co was again detached and sent as reinforcement for a Fusilier Bn near Erlenbach. P/W lost contact with this company when he went to Hospital.

S/Sgt Andrew Olson  
H.C.O.I.C.

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IPW #55

Auth: CG 79th Inf Div  
 Date: 16 Jan 45  
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IPW Report

From: 151800B Jan 45  
 To: 161800B Jan 45  
 Hq, 315th Inf Regt  
 16 Jan 45

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b. According to PW a group of 100 Para-troop Inf entered RITTERSHOFEN on night of 15 Jan 45.

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4. Artillery & Defensive Installations.

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5. Personalities.

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CO, 2nd Bn 192nd Regt, 25th Pz Gren Div  
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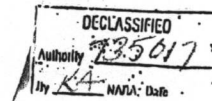
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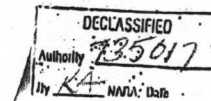


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Special IPW Report  
IPW Team 168

14 Jan 1944  
Wis: Bourg 1:50,000

1. Unit identified:  
"Alarm" Battalion "Hannibal 3" (Code name)  
2 Company  
3rd Platoon-2 Ps/W captured at Ingolsheim by K Co.  
0700 14 Jan 1944
2. Unit Strength:  
Ps/W stated that battalion "Hannibal 3" consisted of 3 companies, of about 100 men each. The companies each had 3 platoons, according to Ps/W. Ps/W stated that 3rd platoon had about 22 men.
3. Troop disposition  
P/W stated that 5 days ago the 1st and 3rd Cos. of the battalion were still in Weiler, while the 2 Co. went to Ingolsheim. At Ingolsheim they relieved the "Saemann" Bn, which both Ps/W believed had moved to their left.
4. Armament  
Ps/W stated that 3 platoon had 2 light machine guns, 2 "Faustpatronen" (AT weapons) and 1 "Ofenrohr" (Bazooka). Ps/W stated that Co. had 3 81mm mortars but did not know where they were. P/W saw 2 pieces of 150 mm Inf howitzers with the Bn when at Darmstadt but did not know where they were now. On road from Riedseltz to Ingolsheim P/W saw a 75 mm AT gun which he believed was located at (14.8-42.1), just off the bend in the road.
5. Locations  
P/W stated the CP of 2 Co. was located in a farm house, which he said stood alone near a road. P/W believes it was located at (14.5-41.8) P/W was stated that 3 platoon line was about 5-700 yds in front and to left of CP. P/W said that there was a light machine gun on each end of the platoon line. P/W stated that he thought the 1st platoon was on his right flank and a platoon of another unit on his left. P/W said that between 2000 and 2200 13 Jan American artillery fire struck about 100 yards behind his platoon line.
6. Personalities  
Bn. Commander- 1st Lt. Kiefer  
Commander of 2nd Co- 2nd Lt. Knuth(?)
7. Miscellaneous  
Ps/W stated that the Bn. was formed about 10 Dec 44 in Darmstadt and that it consists mostly of men who have been wounded. It had been in position on the West Wall, and P/W believed that Volkssturm relieved the Bn. when it went to Weiler.  
P/W stated that warm food is brought between roughly 1700 and 1900 from Riedseltz  
P/W stated that orders were to hold position to last man.



IPW REPORT  
222 REGT

18 Jan 45

1.2 Ps/W who came to American lines state they are on furlough from following units:

- 1- Gren Ers u Ausb. Btl 317- Genesungs Kmp, Wesel
- 1- Hospital, Oppeln, Silesia (originally from 118 Ren Co, 118 Jaeger Div, on Eastern Front)

Captured by L Co in vicinity of Cleebourg.

2. P/W did not know that units are in Cleebourg, but was told that the 1st Co was on line in front of town, from vic road junction (10.8-45.4) to South East, behind the stream. He was told, he said, that 3rd Co was in vicinity of cemetery (11.4-44.3). P/W stated that 1st Co line consisted of two-man foxholes 50-100 yards apart.

3. Locations:

P/W stated he saw a Panzerfaust (AT weapon) at road junction (10.8-45.3)

P/W stated he saw light machine gun position at vic (11.2-44.8), behind and east of shed on stream.

P/W stated he saw light machine gun in position on edge of road about 20 yards from last house, vic (11.1-45.0) (House is last one on left side of road as seen from our lines)

P/W states he saw light machine gun in position vic (11.1-45.4)

P/W states that on 15 Jan he saw 99 small yellow-painted mines unloaded on the road at bend (11.1-45.7). He stated that members of an Engineer platoon told him they were going to lay these mines in woods north of road.

4. Artillery:

P/W stated he saw some small artillery near road junction (12.4-46.6) south of Rott. P/W could not give more exact location.

P/W states he saw GHQ artillery on 9 Jan between railroad and Winden vic (28.0-55.3). Camouflage nets were used, according to P/W, and there were pill boxes in the vicinity.

P/W said he saw 3 88mm AT guns south of Wissenbourg vic (15.2-47.3), and quadruple AA guns vic (15.8-47.5). P/W states he saw ammunition lying in ditches along road from Wissenbourg to road junction 216.

P/W stated he saw pillbox with machine gun in vicinity (12.7-46.8)

P/W stated he saw a first-aid station in Oberhoffen.

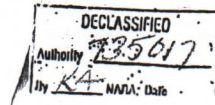
5. Miscellaneous:

P/W stated he saw soldiers with telescopic sights on rifles in Cleebourg, and that the soldiers on line had white camouflage suits.

P/W said he saw an artillery 1st lieutenant, 2nd lieutenant, and two non-coms in Cleebourg. He believed they were observers.

P/W stated that the trees along the road from Wissenbourg to Schweighofen were partly cut through, so that they could be quickly converted into road blocks.

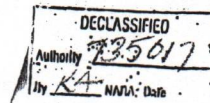




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P/W saw soldiers from different branches in Cleeburg and therefore thought they belonged to "Alarm" companies.  
P/W stated he saw a motor-pool in Schweighofen.

S/Sgt Andrew Olson  
N.C.O.I.C.  
IPW Team



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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No 157

Maps: GSGS 4471, 1/50,000

FROM: 180001A  
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HQ VI CORPS  
190800A JAN 45

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy front lines. Generally no change. See G-2 Report No 153.

b. Enemy defensive organization. The area immediately in front of the 103d Div and on the left flank of the 79th Div does not appear to be well organized by the enemy since our patrols have been able to penetrate several km without contact. No wire or mine fields have been reported. N and NE of CLIMBACH (R-0846) however, log covered dugouts, trenches and MG positions were encountered.

c. Units in contact. For identifications, see Par 3a below.

553 VG Div. Interrogation of PWs and examination of captured documents greatly clarify the seeming potpourri of Battle Groups operating in the southeastern corner of the VI Corps front. It appears that until about 25 December the 405 Admin Div controlled a sector extending to just N of GAMBESHEIM (R-1110) but that the 405 Admin Div units in the latter area came under control of the 553 VG Div on or about that date. Just how far S from GAMBESHEIM the 553 VG Div sector extends is impossible to determine. The 553 VG Div seems to be operating with 3 Regts, each having under it a considerable miscellany of smaller units. These 3 Regts are known as the Battle Group MARBACH (known as Grenadier Regt 3 OBERRHEIN and also referred to as 35 Repl and Tng Regt, according to one PW), Battle Group HOELSCHER and the Battle Group VON LUETTICHAU. The Battle Group MARBACH seems to embrace the Bns SCHMIDT (NCO candidates), TREUTLER (also NCO candidates from the NCO School in ETTLINGEN and possibly merged with Bn SCHMIDT), ZIERES (V Bn OBERRHEIN, formerly - before 25 Dec - I Bn, E/V), MORG (VI Bn OBERRHEIN), a 13 (SCHMUDE) and 14 (WALTHER) Co, the II Bn, 2 SS Police Regt, a mortar Co KRESSIN, a 4 AA Co CEIGER, a SCHMIDT Engr Co, an SS Nebelwerfer Btry OBERRHEIN and the 20 Mortar Bn. The Battle Group (Regt?) HOELSCHER evidently controls the Bns KAPPES (I/1119), MEYER and MOELLER, the I and III Bns, 2 SS Police Regt and the Police School HEIDENHEIM. The Battle Group (Regt?) VON LUETTICHAU appears to command the REICHSFUEHRER SS Escort (BEGLEIT) Bn and the Bn WIMMER (see Bn HOPPE). Total strength of the above conglomeration is difficult to evaluate but inf strength is estimated to be approx 3500.

Auxiliary units. The 553 VG Div code list (undated but to go into effect 15 Jan) also mentions many auxiliary formations. Among them is the ARKO (GHQ Arty CO) XIV SS Army Corps (confirmation that this is an SS Corps) evidently commanding the II Bn, 1553 Arty Regt, the 1514 Arty Regt (Bn?), 68 AA Regt, 442, 705, 721 and 939 AA Bns (probably controlled by the 68 AA Regt). Also mentioned is the Corps Engr CO commanding the 405 Engr Bn and the GRAUELSBAUM, SCHERZHEIM, HEIMLINGEN, FREISTETT, Middle and South Ferries, the Tank Ferry and the FREISTETT debarkation point. Finally is mentioned the 1553 Signal Bn and the 2710 and 2854 switchboards.

d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention. Elements of the 11 SS Pz Div (110 PGR) were identified 18 January on the XX Corps front vic BUTZDORF (L-0403) which probably removes one more mobile div from the unlocated lists.



S E C R E T

(2) Arty. Shelling was moderate during the day on forward elements NE of REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037) with some roads and towns in rear areas receiving attention. In this zone any movement quickly brought accurate fire indicating that the enemy is making maximum use of forward observers. A btry of six Nebelwerfers was active shelling forward elements vic Q-810380 with 72 rds at 1405A. During the night counterbattery fire was placed in ROTHBACH (Q-8434) -- MUHLHAUSEN (Q-8631) area. Guns in the OBERSEEBACH -- TRIMBACH area previously shelling vic HOFFEN and HATTEN continued to be only slightly active indicating some regrouping of arty may be taking place. Principal shelling reported occurred at mid-afternoon when 60 rds fell in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Early in the period, ROHRWILLER (R-1217) was target for 100 rds from light guns while just prior to daylight SP guns harassed SCHIRKHOFFEN (R-1322). Arty and SP guns shelling from vic ROESCHWOOG (R-2225) placed harassing fire in AUENHEIM (R-2023).

(3) Aviation. About 1502A, several enemy planes were over the Corps E flank. Three Me-109s flying from DALHUNDEN (R-1818) to vic BISCHWILLER (R-0818) were engaged by LAA. These planes evidently split up and one was reported strafing vic R-070119 and two vic BISCHWILLER. About the same time, five FV-190s were reported flying W vic R-0515 and one Me-109 also flying W vic Q-9313.

(4) CWS. The enemy laid a smoke screen vic R-175346 at 0935A attempting to cover the movement of some tanks, a half track and some Inf in that area. Likewise, at 1645A, OBERROEDERN (R-1735) was smoked apparently to conceal movement in that area.

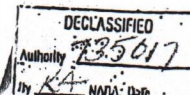
(5) Engr. The bridge at R-185202 is serviceable and appeared to be in use by the enemy. The enemy is apparently attempting to bridge the RHINE since considerable activity was noted. Tac/R reported dismantled pontoon bridges vic R-105065, R-162108, R-170173, R-233213, R-275272. All dismantled pontoon bridges had landings each side of the River and one pontoon section attached along E bank. These may be now used as ferry sites by the enemy. Vehicular and personnel activity was reported at the site vic R-170173. The permanent bridge at SELTZ (R-2828) is out but a pontoon bridge appeared to be under construction there. PWS report that the bridges in NIEDERROEDERN (R-2334), ASCHBACH (R-1837) and RIEDSELTZ (R-1543) were knocked out by our arty but have been repaired since 16-17 January. The Germans are reported using excellent methods of camouflaging their tanks in snow covered terrain making their armor very difficult to see. (See Enemy methods, Par 3b)

(6) Inf.

45th Inf Div. The principal action was again in the nose of the BITCHE Salient in the vic Q-8139 and Q-8239 where during the night the enemy improved positions gained during the previous period and renewed his attack early in the morning. This offensive action apparently involved the II Bn and elements of the I Bn, 11 SS Mtn Regt, and it was supported by almost continuous mortar and arty fire on our forward elements. The enemy maintained hvy pressure on our forward units while he attacked against the flanks of our positions from the NE and NW, and he succeeded in infiltrating some forces to Q-824387 -- Q-815389. The enemy offered stubborn opposition to our counterattacks in this area and our attack from the E developed a well organized defense line Q-835401 -- Q-835398. Scattered patrol activity was reported on the W flank of the salient while the BAERENTHAL area continued relatively quiet.

103d Inf Div. The enemy was generally quiet throughout the period except on the left half of the front where occasional SA and mortar fire was reported. An enemy group of undetermined size was observed N of PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) and a small patrol was also observed in vic of DAMBACH (Q-9244).





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103d Inf Div      2 deserters

Total PWs captured by 103d Inf Div in FRANCE and GERMANY: 3,324

79th Inf Div

14 fr II Bn 19 Para Regt	2 fr I Bn 2 SS Police Regt
1 fr III Bn 20 Para Regt	7 fr Bn HOPPE
30 fr II Bn 21 Para Regt	4 deserters and unidentified
3 fr 15 Co 21 Para Regt	61

Total PWs captured by 79th Inf Div in FRANCE and GERMANY: 21,913

14th Armd Div      1 fr 20 Para Regt

Total PWs captured by 14th Armd Div in FRANCE and GERMANY: 1,070

12th Armd Div

14 fr I Bn 2 SS Police Regt	12 fr Bn ZIERES (V Bn 3 Regt
15 fr II Bn 2 SS Police Regt	Oberrhein)
5 fr Hq 2 SS Police Regt	1 fr Bn MORG (VI Bn 3 Regt
2 fr III Bn 2 SS Police Regt	Oberrhein)
2 fr 20 Mortar Bn	2 fr 14 Co BG MARBACH (3 Regt
2 fr 405 AT Bn	2 unidentified      Oberrhein)
	57

Total PWs captured by 12th Armd Div in FRANCE: 613

Total PWs captured by VI Corps during period ending 182400A: 127

Total PWs captured by VI Corps since 010001 January 1945: 3,196

Total PWs captured by VI Corps in FRANCE and GERMANY: 61,384

b. Enemy methods. How effectively some German tanks and half-tracks have been camouflaged for winter fighting may be discerned from the following report of a 14th Armd Div reconnaissance officer:

"On 15 January I was given the mission of occupying an observation pill box between our lines and the enemy lines, N of RITTERSHOFFEN at R-160342. The Germans held the woods and the N edge of RITTERSHOFFEN. I reached the observation post at 0705A on the 16th and observed the enemy activity in the vicinity. About noon the next day one of my men noticed a German half-track moving down from the main portion of town to the curve in the road at 159341. It was completely white except for the inner sides of the suspension system, and although it was only 200 yards away I had great difficulty in seeing it.

Shortly after this I noticed a dark circle against the white background. On very close observation I discovered it to be a German Mark IV tank which was also completely white. The dark circle I had seen was the inside of the muzzle. The tank was not over 150 yards from my position. Yet it was necessary for me to use field glasses to determine that it was a tank in front of me. I believe the tank had been in that same position all the time that I was in the pill box with my men.

As to what is being used to cover the vehicles I am not sure. It could be paint, white cloth or whitewash."

c. Security. Examination of recently captured documents shows an increasing security consciousness among German prisoners. There has been a sharp jump in the number of cases of soldbuchs with pages torn out. It should be brought to the attention of MPs guarding prisoners that the German soldier has been instructed in case of capture to tear out and destroy certain pages of the soldbuch and so neutralize its intelligence value. PWs must be guarded against such attempts.

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It has been definitely confirmed by captured documents that HIMMLER is in charge of over-all operations in the RHINE Valley and it is very likely that he will make every effort to realize a tangible gain from the enemy's winter counteroffensive by launching a full scale offensive to retake ALSACE. The first step in such an operation may be an attempt to destroy VI Corps by simultaneous drives from the E and W converging SW of the HAGUENAU Forest.

In view of the above considerations, capability b is favored. Capability a (3) appears to be currently in progress. Capabilities a (1) and (2) have been temporarily nullified by our stubborn defense but may be re-initiated at any time with fresh reinforcements from the N. Capability a (4) is likely in the event that the attack to the W is blocked and may be supported by a drive N on STRASBOURG from the COLMAR pocket.

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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
APO 46

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SECRET  
Auth: CG VI Corps Arty  
Init: C.F.S.  
Date: 14 Jan 45  
From: 131800A Jan 45  
To: 141800A Jan 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #128.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

By continued his aggressiveness in the HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area by launching a counterattack with approximately 60 infantry unsupported by tanks from N of RITTERSHOFFEN at 1700A hours; this attack was repulsed, but between 2115A hours and 2330A hours, a strong counterattack, supported by SPs and tanks (some reported equipped with flame-throwers) was launched from HATTEN towards RITTERSHOFFEN and a bitter fight ensued but this attack too was repulsed, by arty and tank fire. During the daylight hours close contact was maintained in this sector and a third C/A repulsed around 1500A hours; the close of the period found our troops still occupying the south side of HATTEN and attempting to clear the ey from the church and the graveyard in RITTERSHOFFEN. Reports as of 0600A hours stated we had taken 158 PWs, destroyed 14 ey tanks, one SP and one half track.

The bridgehead situation remained static with only patrol activity reported.

In 45 Div sector our Inf made limited advances against hvy pressure with numerous mines being encountered.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Though the enemy artillery continued to be quite active, the volume of fire was greatly reduced today, especially in the HOFFEN-OBERSBETCHDORF-HATTEN triangle, with the heaviest concentration reported consisting of 60 rounds. During the night heavy calibers were very prominent as they put 40 rounds into RITTERSHOFFEN and approx 20 rounds into BISCHWILLER, but 2 FOB 3 flash obtained a location in the 2810 square on the gun responsible for the latter shelling, and it is hoped that retaliatory operations bear fruit. Elsewhere the principal harassing fires fell vic HOFFEN and 7639. The bridgehead sector continued to be relatively quiet with only light shelling in ROHRWILLER being reported. In the daylight hours, when the enemy was most lively, the fire in the H-O-H triangle was mainly harassing in nature, with an occasional 10-40 rounds falling, in marked contrast to the two preceding days when massed fires, amounting sometimes to bn strength, were laid down. For this reason, the amount of shelling received in the two major sectors was about the same, since a slight increase occurred in the 45th sector. In the latter, our forward elements along the line ALTHORN-REPPERTSWILLER received the bulk of the fire, including a barrage which fell vic 762-405 at 1030A. Position areas in the 45th sector show little change in strength, as far as can be ascertained from AOP locations and incomplete photo coverage. The same factors indicate a like situation along the WISSEMBOURG-SELTZ line, with the mass still being located in the OBERSBACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH area. In view of the lack of activity of guns in the BITCHE area, at least as far as this Corps is concerned, and also those along the line EUSENBERG (0758)-BERG ZABERN MINFELD, and lack of photo coverage which might permit a check, all locations in these areas are not being included in the new EB List 21. This should not be construed, however, as meaning that all these locations are now unoccupied, but evidence at hand would suggest such a condition.

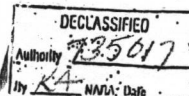
Shellrep total: 86

45 Div	79 Div	14 Armd	17 Gp	6 Gp	2 FOB	93 ATA
25	11	26	3	3	17	1

22 sound and 2 flash locations were made during the period. Of the latter one was of the heavy gun shelling the HAGUENAU area and one of medium guns in the 1944 square (KX). 2 btries of 150's were located in the bridgehead sector, while they were in the process of shelling the sound OP. 1841 KR was confirmed with "A" accuracy. Some of the locations were very close in vic HATTEN and are presumed to be those of our own tanks.

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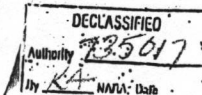


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ENEMY BTRY LIST #21

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7741 JV	773-412	B	PW	2/105
7845 KU	7856-4542	B	35 AOP	6/-
7940 HH	792-407	B	405 AOP	4/-
7942 LD	790-424	B	PW	4/75
7942 HQ	7984-4261	B	AOP, PW	4/75
8040 JO	804-402	B	AOP, PW	4-6/105?
8143 HR	8175-4305	B	PW	6/75
8242 HL	829-427	B	45 AOP	2/-
8243 HJ	826-435	B	AOP, PW	1/150
8245 KZ	8280-4511	A	AP-13 Jan	1-3/Lt
8342 LA	8308-4283	B	35 AOP	-/-
8347 KS	8370-4730	B	VIC AOP	4/88
8442 LB	8420-4260	B	35 AOP	-/-
8444 VA	8481-4443	A	AP-13 Jan	3/Lt
8444 KY	8400-4438	A	AP-13 Jan	4/Lt
8446 HK	8481-4664	B	976 AOP	-/-
8446 HE	8430-4623	B	976 AOP	3/-
8545 HS	8520-4562	B	PW	-/75 or 105
8950 WA	8994-5012	A	AP-2 Jan	4/Lt
9047 JD	9050-4717	B	AOP, GOP	1/-
9050 JW	9075-5089)			
	9090-5093)	A	AP-2 Jan	6/Med
	9104-5097)			
9146 KL	9120-4640	B	158 GOP	1/-
9552 WM	9510-5284	A	AP-5 Jan	6/Med
9653 GV	9640-5394)			
	9650-5398)	A	AP, PW	2/105
9854 GT	9845-5485	B	AOP, PW	6/-
9855 GX	9812-5504	B	938 AOP	2/-
0454 HB	0418-5452	B	171 GOP	1/-
0756 HX	0792-4680	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1357 GZ	1372-5720	A	AP-28 Dec	1/Hy?
1441 KN	1402-4130	A	2 FOB-S	2-3/-
1441 KM	1479-4184	B	2 FOB-S, AOP	3/-
1448 JS	1472-4815	B	PW	-/76.2
1448 JR	1421-4837	B	PW, 2 FOB-S	-/76.2
1541 KQ	1562-4145	B	2 FOB-S	2/-
1546 JH	1522-4619	B	2 FOB-S	1/Lt
1643 KK	1600-4340	B	6 AOP	4/-
1738 KB	1736-3814	A	2 FOB-S	1/-
1837 LC	1800-3762	B	36 AOP	1/-
1837 JN	1851-3774	B	36 AOP	1/-
1839 KA	1851-3920	A	2 FOB-S	4/-
1839 KC	1886-3914			
	1860-3902	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1840 JG	1820-4040	B	79 AOP	4/-
1841 KR	1820-4158	A	2 FOB-S, AOP	2-4/-
1841 HY	1842-4117	B	79, 6 AOP	4/-
1934 KT	196-340	B	14 GOP	-/-
1939 JL	193-393	B	6 AOP	-/-
1940 KG	1926-4084	A	2 FOB-S	2/-
1942 JP	1980-4248	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/Med
1942 KD	1953-4201	A	2 FOB-S	1/Lt
1943 KE	1955-4304	B	2 FOB-S	1-2/Lt
2037 JM	2000-3724	B	36 AOP	-/-
2037 HU	2085-3785	B	6, 36 AOP	-/-
2038 JZ	2015-3838	A	2 FOB-S	3/-
2040 KF	2004-4064	B	2 FOB-S	1/-
2134 LE	214-340	B	36 AOP	1/-
2138 LF	2106-3870	B	36 AOP	1/-
2240 KJ	2209-4023	B	2 FOB-S 36 AOP	1/-
2436 JK	244-367	B	AOP	4/G
2435 JC	2466-3596	B	36 AOP	-/-

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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS ARTILLERY  
APO 46

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Auth: CG VI Corps Arty

Init: C75

Date: 17 Jan 45

From: 161800A Jan 45

To : 171800A Jan 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #131.

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his hvy pressure on the Corps N front and resisted from well camouflaged positions in the bridgehead area. Our troops encountered stiff opposition in the house to house fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Our troops on the W flank maintained close contact with the ey. Est 200 ey Inf supported by 4 to 8 tanks attacked SESSENHEIM (R-1822) and were repulsed by 1500A. Our attack on HERLISHEIM progressed satisfactorily with our troops occupying 2/3 of the town.

Ey remained alert to all movement in the WILDENGUTH-REIPERTSWILLER sector, strongly opposing our efforts to advance toward hill vic Q802390. There was some ey infiltration reported vic Q-810389 and a small group of ey was reported vic Q-818383. CLIMBACH R-0846 was reported clear.

The situation remained generally the same in the RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN area with bitter house to house fighting in both towns. Ey was reported using tanks camouflaged with white sheets. An estimated 6 ey tanks were Ko'd during the period. Ey occupied ROESCHWOG R-2225 after forcing our outposts from town and ey was reported receiving reinforcements from FT. LOUIS.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

a. The lively attitude exhibited by the enemy artillery yesterday continued during this period, with the right center sector still receiving the larger amount of the shelling, though artillery fire also increased in the 45th Div sector. Based on shellreps the bridgehead sector remained generally quiet, except for harassing fire. Another very active night saw the usual moderate harassing fire in the HOFFEN-HATTEN area, but differed in that this type of fire increased in the area N and NW of HUNSPACH, also in the CB fire of all calibers, including 170mm, in the INGWILLER-ZINSWILLER region, HAGUENAU-BISCHWILLER sector was again the target for 280mm RR guns across the river. Apparently the CB program for the attack of the 14 AD in the HATTEN area was effective, despite necessarily low expenditure of ammunition, for no shellreps were received between 0645A and 1000A except one 35 round concentration. Except for occasional 10-20 round harassing concentrations the morning was in most sectors moderately active, though 150 rounds fell on infantry NE of LICHTENBERG, and another 100 rounds med cal fell vic RIPERTSWILLER at 1155A. The afternoon, however, brought more frequent shelling, both in the ALTHORN-REIPERTSWILLER sector and in the HOFFEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area. Between 1500A and 1630A a total of 300 rounds fell vic LUTTERSWILLER. Again photos taken yesterday failed to cover the vitally important OBERSEEBACH-TRIMBACH area, but the NIEDERROEDERN-EBERBACH area was covered and yielded eight new locations, which from shellrep evidence, indicates that considerably more strength must be located in the former area. Successive photo coverage of the bridgehead shows that almost all of its artillery support is located along a general line 4000 yards E of the river, which suggests only a defensive deployment sited to defend the present perimeter.

Shellrep total: 132

45 Div	79 Div	6 Gp	2 FOB	35 Gp	14 AD	103 Div	33 Brig	Misc
44	25	19	15	11	11	3	1	3

b. Changes to EB List #21

(1) Additions:

CONC NO.	COORDS	ACC	SOURCE	NO./TYPE
7843 H4X	7886-4326	B	XV C AOP	2/-
8147 LX #1	8124-4752	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
#2	8132-4760	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
#3	8146-4768	A	AP-15 Jan	1/-
8445 J4F	8489-4597	A	AP-15 Jan	3/Lt
9050 TZ	9061-5045	A	AP-16 Jan	3/Med
2134 TY	2170-3455	A	AP-16 Jan	2/Lt

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(2) Corps Arty

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		34		19		16		3
Per		6	1				35	4
Veh							1	
MG & Mor							1	
Prep								11
Armor		1					3	
Def Fires								2
Har		48		18		23		
Misc1	2		1	37		39	5	20
	2	89					45	

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753410, Q763395, Q768384, Q789388, Q794383, Q813394, Q827380, Q833404, Q862428, Q895443, Q912438, Q925446, Q940434, Q970441, R001440, R015446, R100440, R150400, R175365, R175335, R173303, R214283, R200237, R185223, R160182, R125144, R112105.

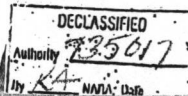
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**SUBJECT: Recommendations for Engineer work to be perfered at HAGUENAU.**

1. All buildings N. of the Moder River in the vicinity of HAGUENAU to be demolished prior to occupation of new MLR to permit observation to the front.
2. All bridges along Moder river inthe sector to be prepared for demolition prior to withdrawal. Those bridges not to be used to be blown prior to withdrawal.
3. Railroad bridgeat 033243 has been blown but is not clear of debris. Engineers to clear the debris at these cooridinates prior to with drawal.
4. At cooridinates 042247 in the Moder River is a shallow spot caused by water break. This to be blown prior to withdrawal since enemy could use this location to cross Infantry troops.
5. Engineers to check all roads within withdrawl sector (except prescribed route of withdrawl) to insure that all bridges are blown and that log abatis have been placed across roads at strategic locations. Bridges along route of withdrawal to be prepared for demolitions and guarded.
6. Concertina wire to be extended around OPL over entire front. A.P. mines to be placedin concertina wire.
7. More protective wire in front of MLR to include entire front.
8. Several foot bridges at (locations to be selected by occupying personnel) to be constructed by Engineers for use by OPL Personnel. Bridges to be prepared for demolitions.



HEADQUARTERS 315TH INFANTRY  
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 79, U. S. Army,  
13 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Report from Civilian who purposed to be friendly Agent.

TO : G-2, Task Force WAHL.

1. Town of ROPPENHEIM occupied by 80 - 100 men, Infantry. Two (2) heavy M.G. located on corner where road turns left. Every exit is guarded and blocked. Staff located in school house about 800 meters from NW end of town.
2. Another civilian coming from SAURENBURG gave above man this information. Infantry marching on road toward ROPPENHEIM, about 600 estimated. Saw (10) tanks tanks going from SELTZ to SCHAFFHOUSE Thursday. Also reports four (400) Hundred S.S. in ZIEGELFABRIK. This confirmed because reporter was formerly imprisoned there last week.
3. Saw improvised bridge over Rhine River just N. of old site. - SELTZ - PITTERSDORF. This bridge about 8 meters wide and just aside the old one.
4. Reports this man as saying troops are deployed in forest on SELTZ side.
5. Twenty (20) men in KESSELDORF. Saw about 20-30 in FORSFELD.
6. Coming out of ROPPENHEIM to FORSFELD there is a bunker about 10 meters from road along the left side of the Railroad with estimated 75 mm Gun therein.
7. Civilian traffic stopped from ROPPENHEIM to SELTZ - some imprisoned in school for trying to get through.
8. Report from Civilian who infiltrated into our lines.  
Civ. reports 250 Enemy at ROPPENHEIM, one kit, truck, 5 trucks, 3 jeeps, horses for Arty, - tanks to-morrow. Civilians to SELTZ. 10 mines S. of ROESCHWOOG RJ just S - Hqs. in School - Occupying force to-morrow - FORSFELD - civilians all sent out - occupying in numbers today and tomorrow.

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Major, G-2

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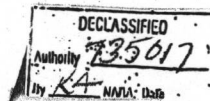
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1145	6	105
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1335	6	105
1440	4	"
1445	6	"
1450	9	"
1505	8	"
1505	4	150 mm
1509	6	105
1518	18	"
1530	3	150
1530	8	105
1540	6	105
1557	18	"
1650	6	"

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REPORT OF CAPTAIN FOGARTY, LN OFF TO XV CORPS

L' 18 January

FIRST US ARMY

VII CORPS: Elms of a US Armd Div have adv tow within 500 yds of BRISY (P657750) meeting strong resistance from tks, inf and arty. A US Inf Div made small advances due to hvy mortar and SP fire vic of woods E of HONYELLE (P702835).

THIRD US ARMY

III CORPS: A US Inf Div rec'd and repulsed 5 C/As today, and knocked out 17 Ey tks. The C/As were in vic (P6659) with the first one starting at 0338 hrs. Arty played an important role in successfully repelling the C/As. A US Armd Div made adv from 1000-1200 yds against hvy SA and AT fire and has elms at P624637 and P6462, and some elms are along BOURCY - LONGVILLY road.

XX CORPS: Ey has retaken BUTZDORF and TETTINGEN. Rpts indicate that ey has 20-24 tanks supporting inf in this C/A.

SEVENTH ARMY

XXI CORPS No change

XV CORPS No change

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REPORT OF CAPT. FOGARTY, LN OFF TO XV CORPS

14 January 1945

**FIRST US ARMY**

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**XVIII Corps:** A US Inf Div met strong opposition after advancing a mile. Another Inf Div advanced up to 2 1/2 miles.

**V Corps:** No change

**NINTH US ARMY** No change

**SECOND BRITISH ARMY:**

**XXX Corps:** Elms of a Br Inf Div Advanced to P430710 and P460745.

**XII Corps:** No change.

**VIII Corps:** No change.

**FIRST CANADIAN ARMY:** No change.

**THIRD US ARMY:**

**III Corps:** A US Inf Regt is clearing BRAS and elms have adv 400 yds north. Another Inf Div has completed the mopping up of a small pocket of isolated Heinies. Elms of a US Armd Div adv to P603604 and P604593.

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**XX Corps:** No change.

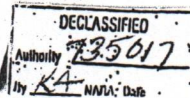
**XII Corps:** No change.

**SEVENTH ARMY:**

**XXI Corps:** No change.

**XV Corps:** No change.

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14 January

FIRST US ARMY

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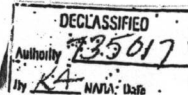
XII Corps: No change

SEVENTH ARMY

XXI Corps: No change

XV Corps: No change





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HEADQUARTERS VI CORPS  
APO 46

11 Jan 45

FIRST ARMY

VII Corps: One US Inf Div has made advances to P660820 - P615839. The Terrain in this area is very rugged and difficult for armor to operate in. Elms of a US Armd Div made advances to P690849 and P670852. Elms of another US Inf Div have advanced to a line on the LA ROCHE - ST VITH Road. LA ROCHE is still held by the enemy. A US Armd Div captured SANREE and the high ground in that vicinity. BEHAIN has also been cleared.

XVIII Corps: No change

V Corps: No change

NINTH US ARMY No change

SECOND BRITISH ARMY No change

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY No change

THIRD US ARMY

III Corps A US Cavalry Gr is fighting in the outskirts of HARLANGE (P6050). A Regt of a US Inf Div has advanced to P678529 and P670530. Another Regt advanced to P623519, P527515 and P632511. This regt was temporarily held up by strong SA fire at P615496 and P622496.

VIII Corps One US Inf Div has advanced to P405594.

IX Corps: No change

XII Corps: No change

SEVENTH ARMY

XV Corps: 100th Div: Adjusting ground gained yesterday, improving positions on Hill 427 (7448).

44th Div: Improving positions.

103rd Div BEHREN cleared, continued attack this morning.

2nd Fr AD No change

Corps Cav No change

Reproduced Hq 79th Inf Div, G-2 Section

of 12. WOETZEN.

10 Jan. 1945

3rd Bn, 314th Inf. bridgehead at 132105 was attacked at 0130 by Inf. accompanied by Guns but the attack was repulsed and the sector reported quiet at 0440 except for harassing Arty Fire.

CCB, 12th Armd Div; 56 AIB in northern part of HERRLISHIM surrounded. "B" Co. Bn. moving on the town from the North in an effort to relieve the situation. (0630)

(1130) CCB, 12th Armd Div; 56 A.I.B. still holds northern third of HERRLISHIM have been joined by "B" Co., 714th Tnk Bn. "B" Co. 119th Engrs and "C" Co., 714th Bn are enroute to HERRLISHIM to reinf. our forces there. "A" Co., 714th Tnk Bn enroute cover bridge at 130108.

14th Armd Div. 090925 - Mayor of BUSBACH states 5,000 to 6,000 men and women men to 60, women 15 to 40 years conscripted from FORBACH last few days also at 0900, Jan. 8 (1) say SS visited HERRBACH and conscripted labors for defense.

36th Engrs., 091600 - PW ident. 1, 2 and 3 Companies, 50 V. Gr. 19th V.G. Div. in act against Co. "B", 142nd Inf. this morning. Det. of 1550 Engrs. used to clear up mines.

100th Div. - 091235 - One Bn., 398th Inf. jumped off at 0930. Now Vic. 652542, receiving Arty and mortar fire.

- 091635 - No change, one Bn, 397th Inf., 2 and 3 Bns still heavily engaged in RIMBLING, 1st Bn 398th Inf., receiving heavy Arty and mortar fire. Unable to move (652542)

100th Div. - 091524 - In eastern sector of Div., 3 C/A received vic. 754492 at 1230; 1st to 40 Inf., at 1400 and estimate 20 Inf at 1530. Each attack supported by 75mm y and 80 mm Mortar. All attacks driven off with no loss of ground.

45th Div. - 091800 - 1st & 2nd Bns, 180th Inf. continued attack against stubborn resistance, with no progress. Blue Bn elements made slight gain. 21st Inf., 1st Bn elements turned hill at 010301, captured 47 PWs. 2nd Bn attacking toward high ground vic. 625387. 36th Eng. patrolled to 037459. Captured 2 PWs operating an OP. Patrols to vic. FBACH observed considerable enemy activity.

45th Div. - 091800 - 179th Inf., 1st Bn, 7538, 7439, 2nd Bn, 7440, 7442. Blue Bn, 7539, 7440, Road SARRIENBERG-WIENEN now all clear of Enemy. 176th Inf., 1st Bn "G", captured objective vic. 8330. 2nd elements in fire fight vic. OBERMUNTHAL. White advanced to vic. 8437, attacking NW towards Obj. 3rd Bn vic. 852369, 17 HERREN, 275th, 1st Bn., no change. 2nd Bn. entering vic. 915485. 3rd Bn vic. OFFWILLER.

091815 - Estimated 150 Bn. Inf., 10 tanks and 6 S.F. guns operating against us. Estimated 250 to 300 troops dug in along hill 375 at 642543 and MORONVILLE Farm area. Sector quiet

45th Inf. Div. - 092000 - Close contact with dug in Enemy. supported by Arty, mortar S.F. guns in 180th and 213th Inf. sectors. PW report 6 S.F. Engr. Bn. in line with 506 Bn. 2 tanks at 756393. Apparently supporting the new 6 SS Engr. Bn.

3rd Div. and French - 092145 - Enemy attempting to envelope ROSSFIELD (80170). By sling supplies across bridge at 0077. No By North of 9077. By identified 308 CR., 196 106 Panzer Brigade



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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMORED GROUP  
A.P.O. 758, U.S.ARMY

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Daily S-2 Enemy Armor Activity.

TO : See Distribution.

S-2 Enemy Armor Activity for  
Period 122400A Jan 45 to 132400A Jan 45

Armd activity continued heavy in the HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area where the enemy employed some 15 Tks in support of Inf defenses and in a heavy c/a launched at 2115A. In this c/a the enemy employed flame-throwing Tks indicating the close in fighting and tenacious efforts of the enemy to maintain his hold on Rittershoffen and Hatten. The employment of armor, in night attacks, is becoming a favorite with the enemy, possibly with the belief that our AT defenses will be partially neutralized during darkness, however, the enemy lost 8 Tks destroyed during this action. Throughout the period the enemy lost 14 Tks destroyed, 1 SP destroyed, 3 Tks and 2SPs damaged. Reports of a bridge being guarded, intact, at INGOLSHEIN, along with recent TK movement in this area, would indicate a possible preparation for an armd attack. No armd activity was reported in the Bridgehead. In the zone of the 45th Div some Tks, and SPs were observed and active throughout the period. A train carrying Tks, was taken under attack in vic NEUSTADT (E3285) by our dive bombers with 7 Tks reported damaged.

T	Tanks destroyed during period - 15	Damaged or disabled - 12
	Tanks destroyed since Jan 1, 45 - 68	Damaged or disabled - 30

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1- Maj Barco (Arty Sec, 7th Army)
- 1- 191 Tk Bn.
- 1- 753 Tk Bn.
- 1- 781 TK Bn.
- 1- 636 TD Bn.
- 1- 645 TD Bn.
- 1- 813 TD Bn.
- 1- 827 TD Bn.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FIRING TABLE

8 cm Heavy Mortar, Model 34 (German)

8 cm Shell No. 34

WEIGHT OF SHELL NO. 34 - 3.5 KILOGRAMS (7.75 LBS)

<u>METERS</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>ELEVATION (MILS)</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>ELEVATION (MILS)</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
60	65.4	1,545	1	-	-
80	87.2	1,526	1	-	-
100	109.0	1,507	1	-	-
120	130.8	1,488	1	-	-
140	152.6	1,469	1	-	-
160	174.4	1,450	1	-	-
180	196.2	1,430	1	-	-
200	218.0	1,410	1	-	-
220	239.8	1,390	1	-	-
240	261.6	1,370	1	-	-
260	283.4	1,349	1	-	-
280	305.2	1,327	1	-	-
300	327.0	1,305	1	1,447	2
320	348.8	1,283	1	1,437	2
340	370.6	1,259	1	1,426	2
360	392.4	1,235	1	1,415	2
380	414.2	1,210	1	1,404	2
400	436.0	1,185	1	1,393	2
420	457.8	1,157	1	1,382	2
440	479.6	1,127	1	1,371	2
460	501.4	1,094	1	1,360	2
480	523.2	1,058	1	1,348	2
500	545.0	1,016	1	1,337	2
520	566.8	1,325	2	-	-
540	588.6	1,313	2	-	-
560	610.4	1,301	2	-	-
580	632.2	1,289	2	-	-
600	654.0	1,276	2	1,383	3
620	675.8	1,263	2	1,380	3
640	697.6	1,250	2	1,372	3
660	719.4	1,237	3	1,365	3
680	741.2	1,224	2	1,357	3
700	763.0	1,210	2	1,349	3
720	784.8	1,196	2	1,341	3
740	806.6	1,182	2	1,333	3
760	828.4	1,167	2	1,325	3
780	850.2	1,152	2	1,317	3
800	872.0	1,135	2	1,309	3
820	893.8	1,118	2	1,301	3
840	915.6	1,101	2	1,292	3
860	937.4	1,082	2	1,284	3
880	959.2	1,062	2	1,275	3
900	981.0	1,040	2	1,276	3
920	1,002.8	1,017	2	1,258	3

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Annex #1 to Ltr, 14 AD, dtd 18 Jan 45,  
Subj: "8 cm Shell No. 34". (Page 1)



ENEMY ACTION —	ORANGE —
NO INTERFERENCE —	PEAR —
HEAD OF COLUMN —	APRICOT —
TAIL " " —	APPLE —
ROAD BLOCKED —	BANANNA —
222 —	PLUM —
242 —	HATTY —
313 —	ROSY —
315 —	LUCY —
TF WAHL —	GRACE —
REAR GUARD —	MABEL —
MAIN BODY —	DOT —
CLOSED —	SUZIE —
CLEAR —	PEGGY —
14 ARMD —	BERTHA —
INTERFERENCE BY —	GENNY —
WRECK —	MAGGY —

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To Colonel Johann	T. F. WANG	
34/3081 # 3048, '50, 46, 42 (lea).		
23. SH. 799 # 5007(1)		
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9<sup>TH</sup> DA LOCATIONS

"A" 1079 3441  
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"C" 089 346  
"CP" #875

"A" 1268 3277  
311 "B" 102 331  
"C" 098 378  
"CP" 50 858 (1000 yds)

"A" 092 378  
904 "B" 087 374  
"C" 101 377  
"CP" #860

312 "A" 108 380  
"B" 102 390  
"C" 085 339  
"CP" #870

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310 "A" 1079 3441  
"B" 21001 3338  
"C" 089 346  
"LP" #875

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Ramschackle will harass.

Bunkheim (2629) Sely (2733)

Niederroedern (2334) Oberlauterbach (2439)

Salmbach (2442) Schleithal (2243)

Niederlauterbach (2741) Hoesemburg (1548)

Neuwiler (2839) Trimbach (2138)

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Loganberry Forstfeld (2129)

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Scatter - 707s as follows:

Wetburg, Ingolsheim, Stundswiller,  
Aeschbach, Reidselz, Oberbach,  
Niederbach, Trimbach, Oberdorf,  
Rott, Steinach, Niederroedern.

These also killed out by fire  
from 79th Div Arty



Teatten also fine on ~~following~~  
following providing ammo available:  
① Niedermodern, and roads south of  
② Woods east of Hatten  
③ Buhl and rds to Niedermodern,  
Stundewiller and Aechbach.

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HQ 79TH INF DIV  
120800A Jan 45

TO:

The resupply of 81mm He Lt. ammunition is critical. Expenditures must be based on the probability that they will not be replaced for an indefinite period.

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REPORT OF CAPT. EDGARTY, IN OFF TO XV CORPS

15 JANUARY 1945

FIRST US ARMY

VII Corps:

Elms of a US Inf Div out road at P543756 and other elms adv to P675815 and P692835.  
A US Armd Div captured the town of PISSEMME (P6081) and a CC moved to P580792.  
Another US Armd Div made good progress with one CC at P742784 and while another CC adv to P650770 - P665778 and P670790. Its Ren Sq established road blocks at P640780.

THIRD US ARMY

III Corps:

A US Armd Div captured BENONCHAMPS (P6258), while other elms adv to P616566 and P616591, and cleared MARGNET and also adv thru BOIS DE MARGNET on the east side of town. A US Inf Div is digging in on the high ground S of the WILTZ RIVER. Another US Inf Div is fighting against stiffened resistance and rec'd a bombing atk at BAAS.

VIII Corps:

A US Inf Div captured MOHRU (P5864) and has other elms at P583637 and P573636. Other elms at P530667 - P535656.  
A Br A/B Divs fighting in FETTON (P5267). Other elms at P480660 and P518678.

XX Corps:

A US Inf Div has captured TETTINGEN (1045025) and BUTZBOEF (1046030).

SEVENTH US ARMY

XXI Corps: No change.

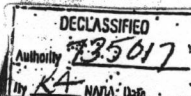
XV Corps: No change.

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REPRODUCED Hq 79TH INF DIV ARMY





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REPORT OF CAPTAIN FOGARTY LN OFF TO XV CORPS

16 January 45

FIRST US ARMY : No change

THIRD US ARMY :

III CORPS : A US Armd Div has elms S of LONGVILLE (P632599) and other elms at P632598) and (P640573. A CG captured ARLONCOURT (P618615) at 1500 while other elms are fighting in OUBOUROY (P6161).

A US Inf Div continued patrolling and clearing enemy from their zone south of the WILTZ RIVER

Elms of a US Inf Div ~~dm~~ engaged the ey along RR (622575) to vertical gridline 64.

VIII CORPS: Elms of a US A/B Div are at P559650 - P566649 - P578654 and P588649; P607631, P601644 and P609627.

XII CORPS : No change

XX CORPS : A US Inf Div repulsed slight G/A at CHAMPHOTZ (L058020), captured NENNING (L022042) and (BERG (L025047) and WEIS (L019052).

SVENTH US ARMY

XXI Corps : No change

XV Corps : Continued to improve defensive positions.

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813th T.D. 1. Disposition as of 182400 January 1945

A 2nd ~~109438~~  
~~100434~~  
~~113438~~  
A 1st 125422  
127424  
137405  
A 3rd 150403  
153392  
155394  
A 123395 (2 in reserve)  
B 1st 3 at OBERRODERN (M-10s)  
2 M-18s at OBERRODERN (manned by B, 813th TD Bn)  
B 2nd 1 in HATTEN (in enemy controlled territory;  
no crew)  
B 3rd 4 in DRUSENHEIM (bridgehead - with Bigwig White)  
C 6 M-10s to SOUFFLENHEIM with 242nd.  
1 M-10 will follow from SURBOURG tomorrow.  
-----TOTAL:- 25 M-10s and 2 M-18s Operational-----

827th T.D. Bn. Disposition as of 182400 January 1945

A 154358  
155358  
157359  
158359  
1 in RITTERSHOFFEN  
2 at 101316  
2 in SOUFFLENHEIM (2 M-18s lost here today in SESSENHEIM)  
B 4 in HATTEN (2 only are operational)  
1 in RITTERSHOFFEN  
1 at 141333  
1 at 141332  
C 162361  
163363  
148359  
149360  
162379  
164373  
-----TOTAL:- 20 Operations 1-----

614th T.D. Bn. Towed (pertinent on our left flank - 103 Div)

1) 093429  
1) 094428  
1) 075416  
1) 071409

*Frederick H. Parkin*  
FREDERICK H. PARKIN,  
Captain, 813th T.D. Bn.,  
S-3.

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1500 13 Jan '45

To CO, 315th Inf:

Co "K" has made no progress since 1100. They receive tank fire from tank near church, also from tank between 3 and 4. At 1450, 68th reported reaching 4, but at 1500 reported unable to hold it. I had ordered another plat of Co "K" to proceed W from Pt 1 to road running N from Kuhlendorf-Hatten rd, thence N, thence E to Pt 4, and join up with other plat of "K" but am now holding them so as not to pile up behind 68th. Co "L" unable to enter church. Have blasted holes in houses SW of 5 for tanks to fire through in attempt to get tank near 7.

68th claims one tank and one probable. 48th trying to move tanks toward 9 from East now.

Am using arty, mortars, bazookas continuously. TD's have fired 90 rounds so far.

Eason, CO

*Holbrook -  
This information on  
obtained by 3rd Bn  
overlooked by 1st Bn off - sectors in  
blue are held by friendly troops  
Mantle*



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By KA NAVA: Dab

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HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 79, U. S. Army

18 January 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER . . . . . 2)

Maps: France, 1/50,000.

1. CT 411 (less 2d Battalion): 1st Battalion 410th Infantry attached, is attached to Task Force LINDEN. Clear enemy forces from sector shown (overlay) west of MODER RIVER.
2. Boundaries shown on overlay will become effective on division order after area is cleared.
3. 1st Battalion (Company I attached) 314th Infantry, upon relief will be assembled and revert to 314th Infantry control on division order.
4. 1st Battalion 313th Infantry to be assembled in division reserve vicinity SOUFFLENHEIM prepared to move to HOFFEN and revert to 313th Infantry control on division order.
5. CT 411 (less 2d Battalion) after clearing enemy from area shown, to be assembled in SCHIRRHOFEN - SOUFFLENHEIM area in division reserve, prepared to counter-attack in sectors of 232d Infantry, 1st Battalion 410th Infantry and the 314th Infantry.
6. 928th Field Artillery Battalion remain in position, support 1st Battalion, 410th Infantry until CT 411 is committed in counter-attacks.
7. 1st Battalion 410th Infantry attached to 232d Infantry upon occupying sector shown.
8. CT 411 is equipped with white clothing and material.
9. 314th Infantry with 2d Battalion 232d Infantry attached, continue present mission.

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1 Incl- Operations overlay

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G-3 Report

From: 080001 Jan 45  
To: 082400 Jan 45  
HQ 79TH INF DIV  
HAGUENAU (RO30233)  
082400 Jan 45

No. 8

Maps: France, 1/100,000.

1. CUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: See overlay.
4. WEATHER: Cold and unsettled with snow flurries. VISIBILITY: Fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry.

Task Force Wahl: 3d Battalion 313th Infantry, after hearing vehicles moving during the early morning were atk by infantry at 0700 from vic STUNDWILLER and at 0800 I Co was atk by 10 Tks accompanied by a co of Inf but both atks were repulsed. Two more atks were received during the morning but all were driven off and 3 Tks were destroyed. Close support Fighter Bombers bombed the town of OBERSENBACH with 24 500-lb bombs and 28 20-lb fragmentation bombs where a conc of 15 Tiger Tks and a Bn of Inf were reported reforming for an attack. Since the bombing, this sector received no more attacks and only a few rounds of light harassing arty and mortar fire.

222 Inf (- 2d Bn) reestablished the OPL in front of their main defenses in their sector of the MAGNOT LINE. The 2d Bn closed into the SOULTZ (R1139) area at 1600.

315 Inf (- 1st Bn) remained in reserve prepared to counter any breakthrough in the 313 Inf or 222 Inf sector. 3d Bn closed into SOULTZ area at 1038 and occupied the line shown on overlay prepared to counterattack northwest or northeast or to protect SOULTZ in the event of a breakthrough.

CCA 14 Armd Div continued con for counterattack in zone of 3d Bn 313 Inf.

827 TD Bn closed into area vic SURBOURG (RO834) at 0715.

314 Inf (- 1st Bn) atchd Co B 47 Tk Bn. 3d Bn atk at 1000 against heavy S/A, mortar and arty fire but made little progress during the day. Bridge out at R130168 hampered the atk as well as several local counterattacks and our troops were able only to reach R131163 - R131166. 2d Bn was unable to establish a bridgehead in S part of DRUSENHEIM due to heavy arty and automatic weapons fire.

Task Force Linden: 2d Bn 232 Inf established a defensive position at RO83117 - RO90126 while the 3d Bn assembled at C MP DE OBERHOF-FEN (RO821). The 2d Bn 242 Inf assembled at RITTERHOFFEN at 2030 and 2d Bn 222 Inf assembled vic SOULTZ at 1600. Remainder of TASK FORCE LINDEN remained in positions shown.

- b. Cav: 79 Cav Tr (atchd plat Co D 781 Tk Bn and "B" Tr 94 Cav Ren Sq) reconnoitered area BISCHWILLER - SOUFFLENHEIM east to the RHINE RIVER and from BISCHWILLER to WEYERSHEIM. "B" Tr 92d Cav Ren Sq patrolled (disabtd) from WEYERSHEIM to contact 714 Tk Bn W of HERR-LISHEIM.

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G-3 Report

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From: 090001 Jan 45  
To: 092400 Jan 45  
HQ 79TH INF DIV  
SAUTIER (8030233)  
092400 Jan 45

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MAPS: France, 1:100,000 (3.1.45) 0 0 0  
CO B-141 OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay. 0 0 0  
CO B-141 1ST INF BN 0 0 0  
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay. 0 0 0  
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: See overlay. 0 0 0  
4. WEATHER: Cold and clear. VISIBILITY: Good. 0 0 0  
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: 0 0 0  
CO B-141 was. Inf: 0 0 0

TF WAKEL: 1st Bn 242 Inf was attacked by tanks and infantry at 0500 and their MBR penetrated at one point. Co "C" was committed and MBR was restored. The enemy attacked again at 1305 with 16 tanks (Mk IV), 8 halftracks, and 9 personnel carriers, broke through at HATTEN. The attack penetrated to RITTERS-HOFFEN when Co "A" 48 Tank Bn knocked out 6 tanks after which 2d Bn 242 Inf and Co "A" 48 Tank Bn forced the attacking forces to withdraw to HATTEN. At close of period 2d Bn 242 Inf had retaken two-thirds of town of HATTEN.

3d Bn 313 Inf was attacked at 0500 by infantry but by 1600 the attack was broken up by arty. 315 Inf (- 1st Bn) moved 2d and 3d Bns to positions shown on overlay to be in position to assist 242 Inf.

TF LINDEN: Continued reorganization of 232 Inf and readjusted positions as shown on overlay.

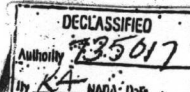
314 Inf (- 1st Bn) continued to hold DRUSENHEIM and bridgehead south-east of ROERWILLER. An attack at 0915 by infantry supported by self-propelled guns drove in the bridgehead but tanks of the 73d Tank Bn took attacking force under fire and drove SPs away. 60 of the attacking infantry surrendered. 3d Bn then occupied bridgehead. A second attack on 3d Bn at 1845 of tanks on north flank and Inf on south flank was repulsed.

L. Cav: 79 Rcn Tr Reconnoitered area east of a line ROERWILLER - SOUF-FRANHEIM. Tr "B" 91 Cav Co relieved from attachment to 79 Div at 1015.

c. Td's: 827 TD Bn and 813 TD Bn (-) supported TF WAKEL and assisted in stopping enemy arm breakthrough.

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From: 100001 Jan 45  
To: 102400 Jan 45  
HQ 79TH INF DIV  
HAGUENAU (RO30233)  
102400 Jan 45

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Maps: France, 1/100,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: See overlay.
4. WEATHER: Cold and clear. VISIBILITY: Poor to good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. Infantry.

(1) Task Force Wahl: 3d Battalion, 313th Infantry were attacked from the south at 0945 by a strong combat patrol but the attack was repulsed and the sector reported quiet during the day except for harassing artillery and mortar fire on the front-line units.

222d Infantry maintained positions in MAGNOT LINE defenses on Division OIL and IIR.

242d Infantry 1st Battalion assembling to reform in RITTERSHOFFEN with elements still fighting in HATTEN. 2d Battalion (with 2d Battalion 315th) continued the fight for HATTEN during the night and, at daylight, both our forces and the enemy launched attacks simultaneously for possession of the town. At 1030, HATTEN was attacked by tanks and infantry from northeast and infantry was attempting to infiltrate north of HATTEN and cut the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN road. At 1500 the 2d Battalion was ordered to withdraw to RITTERSHOFFEN for reorganization but elements of 2d Battalion still remained in HATTEN. 3d Battalion maintained positions on Division IIR in MAGNOT LINE defenses.

315th Infantry (minus 1st Battalion): 2d Battalion (with 2d Battalion 242d Infantry) continued the fight for HATTEN during the night and, at daylight, launched an attack for possession of the town. At 1030, they were attacked by tanks and infantry from northeast and infantry was attempting to infiltrate north of HATTEN and cut the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN road. They cleaned out a portion of the town and occupied positions as shown on overlay. 3d Bn assembled in RITTERSHOFFEN and was partially committed north of the town to block the gap between HATTEN and right flank of 3d Battalion 313th Infantry.

(2) 314th Infantry: (minus 1st Battalion) Continued to hold DRUSHEIM and bridgehead vicinity (R132165) south of ROHRHILLER. 3d Battalion was attacked at 0130 by infantry supported by two S/I guns but the attack was repulsed and sector reported quiet at 0440 except for light harassing artillery fire. 2d Battalion continued to receive heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire at DRUSHEIM.

(3) Task Force Linden: Continued reorganization of 232d Infantry. They advanced and readjusted positions on IIR as shown on overlay by 1630. One platoon of 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached and closed into area 0800.

b. Cavalry.

79th Reconnaissance Troop, reconnoitered area east of IIR in Task Force Linden sector and reported FORT LOUIS occupied by the enemy.

c. Tank Destroyers.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion (minus) and 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion provided anti-tank defense of the division sector and assisted in stopping enemy armored breakthrough.

d. Armored Forces.

OCB, 12th Armored Division, was surrounded during the night in HERRLICHEN but at 0620 the tanks of the 714th Tank Battalion moved from ROHRHILLER to HERRLICHEN to relieve the situation. They cut through the enemy circle and continued to clear out the town until they occupied two-thirds of it. However, due to heavy enemy pressure they started preparation to withdraw and occupy defensive positions shown on overlay. One company of 714th Tank Battalion was to remain and reinforce the 314th Infantry bridgehead at (R132165).

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To: 122400 Jan 45  
Re: 79TH INF DIV  
HAGENAU (R030233)  
122400 Jan 45

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MAPS: France, 1:100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: See overlay
4. WEATHER: Changeable and cold. VISIBILITY: Poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Inf:

(1) TF WAHL: 2d Bn 315 Inf continued to fight in HATTEN with enemy tanks pushing from the north edge of town and enemy infantry pushing from the east edge of town. 3d Bn 315 Inf accompanied by CCA, 14 Armd Div, atk for RITTERSHOFFEN (R1593) at 0800 but, due to observation from the church steeple and heavy S/A, S/P and arty fire, CCA was forced to withdraw from the town. CCB, 14 Armd Div, atk east for RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN at 1130, at which time CCA reverted to 14 Armd Div control. Although elements of CCB were able to reach positions north and south of HATTEN, where they delivered accurate direct fire on the town, they withdrew to positions shown on overlay due to darkness and heavy S/A and S/P fire. RITTERSHOFFEN received heavy intermittent arty fire throughout the day.

2d Bn 222 Inf (- G Co) moved to SOULTZ area where they closed prior to the end of the period. "G" Co maintained positions on the line from R158352 to R167360. 222 Inf and 3d Bn 242 Inf were relatively quiet throughout the period.

3d Bn 313 Inf received moderate arty fire during the period but no coordinated atk was launched against them.

(2) TF LINDEN: 232 Inf continued organization of defense line and relieved Engr units guarding bridges in SOUFFLENHEIM. 2d Bn defended area vic of WETTERHEIM (R0512) and maintained OPL from R080112 - R090131.

(3) 314 Inf (- 1st Bn): Continued to hold DRUSENHEIM (R1518) and the bridgehead southeast of KOHRWILLER.

b. Cav: 79 Recon Tr reconnoitered in area of 232 Inf and moved to the vic of BRUMATH late in the afternoon.

c. Armd Forces: CCA, 14 Armd Div reverted to Division control at 1130 when CCB passed through them and atk to the east for RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. For operations, see para 5a above. CCB, 12 Armd Div continued reorganization of defensive positions and readjusted their line as shown on overlay to take better advantage of the terrain in their sector. Co A, 781 Tank Bn atchd TF LINDEN. Co B, 47 Tank Bn atchd 314 Inf. One Plat Co D, 781 Tank Bn atchd 79 Recon Tr.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Division continued to atk the breakthrough forces in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN assisted by CCA and CCB, 14 Armd Div but atk made little progress against stiff enemy resistance.

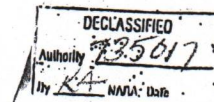
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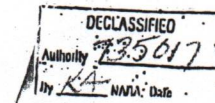
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<u>at 153331.</u>		
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Hq. 14th A.D., Hq.	38	Co. C.	22
Hq. 14th A.D., Link.	14	Hq. & Serv.	73
Lateral to Right.	56	62 Armd Inf Bn, Hq.	31
CC"A", Hq.	39	62 Armd Inf Bn, Link.	78
CC"A", Link.	48	Co. A.	87
Lateral to Right.	40	Co. B.	68
CC"B", Hq.	90	Co. C.	8
CC"B", Link.	29	Hq. & Serv.	93
Lateral to Right.	61	68 Armd Inf Bn, Hq.	71
Reserve Command, Hq.	31	68 Armd Inf Bn, Link.	30
Reserve Command, Link.	33	Co. A.	6
Lateral to Right.	51	Co. B.	52
Trains, Hq.	85	Co. C.	72
Trains, Link.	24	Hq. & Serv.	76
Div Arty, Hq.	94	499 Armd F.A. Bn., Hq.	70
Div Arty, Link.	32	499 Armd F.A. Bn., Link.	5
94 Cav Rcn Sqd Mecz, Hq.	53	Btry A.	23
94 Cav Rcn Sqd Mecz, Link.	25	Btry B.	36
Troop A, 94.	46	Btry C.	20
Troop B, 94.	41	Serv Btry.	10
Troop C, 94.	47	500 Armd F.A. Bn, Hq.	65
Troop D, 94.	57	500 Armd F.A. Bn., Link.	69
Troop F, 94.	1	Btry A.	74
25 Tank Bn, Hq.	11	Btry B.	86
25 Tank Bn, Link.	89	Btry C.	42
Co. A.	60	Serv Btry.	26
Co. B.	15	501 Armd F.A. Bn., Hq.	35
Co. C.	27	501 Armd F.A. Bn., Link.	16
Co. D.	18	Btry A.	12
Hq. & Serv.	64	Btry B.	45
47 Tank Bn, Hq.	3	Btry C.	54
47 Tank Bn, Link.	21	Serv Btry.	77
Co. A.	66	84 Med Bn, Armd, Hq.	63
Co. B.	59	84 Med Bn, Armd, Link.	13
Co. C.	82	Co. A.	91
Co. D.	4	Co. B.	55
Hq. & Serv.	80	Co. C.	49
48 Tank Bn, Hq.	43	125 Armd Eng, Hq.	62
48 Tank Bn, Link.	17	125 Armd Eng, Link.	28
Co. A.	19	Co. A.	75
Co. B.	44	Co. B.	58
Co. C.	34	Co. C.	83
Co. D.	7	136 Ord Maint Bn, Hq.	92
Hq. & Serv.	84	136 Ord Maint Bn, Link.	95
19 Armd Inf Bn, Hq.	50	Co. A.	2
19 Armd Inf Bn, Link.	9	Co. B.	67
Co. A.	88	Co. C.	79
Co. B.	37		



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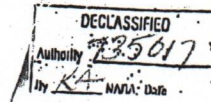
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1	Troop F, 94 Cav Ren Sqd, Mecz.	49	Co. C, 84 Med. Bn., Armd.
2	Co. A, 136 Ord Maint Bn.	50	19 Armd Inf. Bn., Hq.
3	47 Tank Bn, Hq.	51	Lateral to Right, Reserve Command
4	Co. D, 47 Tank Bn.	52	Co. B, 68 Armd Inf Bn.
5	499 F. A. Bn, Link	53	94 Cav Ren Sq. Mecz, Hq.
6	Co. A, 68 Armd Inf. Bn.	54	Btry C, 501 Armd F.A. Bn.
7	Co. D, 48 Tank Bn.	55	Co. B, 84 Med Bn, Armd.
8	Co. C, 62 Armd Inf. Bn.	56	Lateral to Right, 14th A.D.
9	19 Armd Inf Bn, Link	57	Troop D, 94 Cav Ren Sq, Mecz.
10	Serv Btry, 499 F.A. Bn.	58	Co. B, 125th Armd Eng. Bn.
11	25 Tank Bn, Hq.	59	Co. B, 47 Tank Bn.
12	Btry A, 501 Armd F.A. Bn.	60	Co. A, 25 Tank Bn.
13	84 Med Bn, Armd, Link	61	Lateral to Right, CC "B"
14	Hq. 14th A.D., Link	62	125 Armd Eng, Hq.
15	Co. B, 25 Tank Bn.	63	84 Med Bn, Armd, Hq.
16	501 Armd F.A. Bn, Link	64	Hq. & Serv, 25 Tank Bn.
17	48 Tank Bn, Link	65	500 Armd F.A. Bn, Hq.
18	Co. D, 25 Tank Bn.	66	Co. A, 47 Tank Bn.
19	Co. A, 48 Tank Bn.	67	Co. B, 136 Ord Maint Bn.
20	Btry C, 499 Armd F.A. Bn.	68	Co. B, 62 Armd Inf Bn
21	47 Tank Bn, Link	69	500 Armd F.A. B., Link
22	Co. C, 19 Armd Inf Bn.	70	499 Armd F.A. Bn, Hq.
23	Btry A, 499 Armd F.A. Bn.	71	68 Armd Inf Bn, Hq.
24	Trains, Link	72	Co. C, 68 Armd Inf Bn.
25	94 Cav Ren Sqd Mecz, Link	73	Hq & Serv, 19 Armd Inf Bn.
26	Serv Btry, 500 Armd F.A. Bn.	74	Btry A, 500 Armd F.A. Bn.
27	Co. C, 25 Tank Bn.	75	Co. A, 125 Armd Eng. Bn.
28	125 Armd Eng Bn, Link	76	Hq & Serv, 68 Armd Inf Bn.
29	CC "B", Link	77	Serv Btry, 501 Armd F.A. Bn.
30	68 Armd Inf Bn, Link	78	62 Armd Inf Bn, Link
31	62 Armd Inf Bn, Hq.	79	Co. C, 136 Ord Maint Bn,
32	Div Arty, Link	80	Hq & Serv, 47 Tank Bn.
33	Reserve Command, Link	81	Reserve Command, Hq.
34	Co. C, 48 Tank Bn.	82	Co. C, 47 Tank Bn.
35	501 Armd F.A. Bn, Hq.	83	Co. C, 125 Armd Eng Bn.
36	Btry B, 499 Armd F.A. Bn.	84	Hq. & Serv, 48 Tank Bn.
37	Co. B, 19 Armd Inf Bn.	85	Trains, Hq.
38	Hq. 14th A.D., Hq.	86	Btry B, 500 Armd F.A. Bn.
39	CC "A", Hq.	87	Co. A, 62 Armd Inf Bn.
40	Lateral to Right, CC "A"	88	Co. A, 19 Armd Inf Bn.
41	Troop B, 94 Cav Ren Sqd. Mecz.	89	25 Tank Bn, Link
42	Btry C, 500 Armd F.A. Bn.	90	CC "B", Hq.
43	48 Tank Bn, Hq.	91	Co. A, 84 Med Bn, Armd.
44	Co. B, 48 Tank Bn.	92	136 Ord Maint Bn, Hq.
45	Btry B, 501 Armd F.A. Bn.	93	Hq. & Serv, 62 Armd Inf Bn.
46	Troop A, 94 Cav Ren Sqd, Mecz.	94	Div Arty, Hq.
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48	CC "A", Link		

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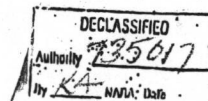
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25 Tank Assault Gun Plat.....	38	Spare 14.....	24
25 Tank Mortar <del>MM</del> Plat.....	36	Spare 15.....	22
47 Tank Assault Gun Plat.....	20	Spare 16.....	35
47 Tank Mortar Plat.....	15	Spare 17.....	12
48 Tank Assault Gun Plat.....	11	Spare 18.....	27
48 Tank Mortar Plat.....	31	Spare 19.....	41
19 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.....	45	Spare 20.....	23
19 A.I.B. Mortar Plat.....	43	Commanding General.....	16
62 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.....	8	Chief of Staff.....	32
62 A.I.B. Mortar Plat.....	3	A.C.S.-G2.....	6
68 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.....	7	A.C.S.-G-3.....	13
68 A.I.B. Mortar Plat.....	39	A.C.S.-G-4.....	26
Spare 1.....	1	A.C.S.-G-4 Asst.....	44
Spare 2.....	18	A.G.O.....	29
Spare 3.....	25	Division Quartermaster.....	4
Spare 4.....	14	Amm. Control Point.....	10
Spare 5.....	46		5
Spare 6.....	48		19
Spare 7.....	37		34
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Spare 12.....	40		

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2		26	A.C.S. - G-4
3	62 A.I.B. Mortar Plat	27	Spare 18
4	Division Quartermaster	28	Spare 11
5		29	A. G. O.
6	A.C.S. - G-2	30	
7	68 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.	31	48 Tank Mortar Plat.
8	62 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.	32	Chief of Staff
9	Spare 9	33	
10	Amm. Control Point	34	
11	48 Tank Assault Gun Plat.	35	Spare 16
12	Spare 17	36	25 Tank Mortar Plat
13	A.C.S. - G-3	37	Spare 7
14	Spare 4	38	25 Tank Assault Gun Plat.
15	47 Tank Mortar Plat	39	68 A.I.B. Mortar Plat.
16	Commanding General	40	Spare 12
17	Spare 8	41	Spare 19
18	Spare 2	42	154th Armd Signal Co.
19		43	19 A.I.B. Mortar Plat.
20	47 Tank Assault Gun Plat.	44	A.C.S. - G-4
21	Spare 13	45	19 A.I.B. Assault Gun Plat.
22	Spare 15	46	Spare 5
23	Spare 20	47	Spare 10
24	Spare 14	48	Spare 6

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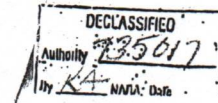
1. CGA - Organize all around defensive position to be occupied during hours of darkness. Continue Atk to clear RITTERSHOFFEN at daylight; prepare to repel C/Atk; as soon as RITTERSHOFFEN is cleared assist CGR in clearing HATTEN and restoring VI Corps MLR. Coordinate fire plans on HATTEN with CGA. Continue to block RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN road to prevent enemy escape. Maintain contact on R and L.
2. CGR - Organize line (157346) - (157359) with Inf strongly reinforced by Tks and occupy during darkness. Prepare to repel C/Atk from <sup>N</sup> or SE either N or S of HATTEN. Protect L (North) flank of Div. Prepare to assist CGA in clearing RITTERSHOFFEN commencing at daylight. Prepare to Atk HATTEN with fire commencing 0715 14 Jan. Coordinate fire plans with CGR.
3. CGR - Organize defensive areas <sup>TONIGHT</sup> in so much of HATTEN as has been occupied; ~~install~~ ~~into additional buildings as rapidly as possible.~~ Renew Atk to clear HATTEN at daylight; restore VI Corps MLR; protect R (South) flank of Div; place defensive mine fields on roads SE and S HATTEN; prepare to meet C/Atk from E or SE. Maintain contact on R and Ln on L.
4. 25, ~~1500~~ 62 not to be committed without approval this Hq, except to repel Atk of position.
5. Other units - No change.
6. All defensive mine fields will be accurately recorded.

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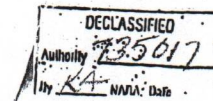
1. a. Enemy - see current intelligence.  
b. Operations against HATTEN will be continued in order to pin enemy troops in that vicinity. CCB will support CCA atk with 50 cal fire and demonstration with a platoon each of medium and light tanks, latter advancing to vicinity 166353.
2. At 0630 1 Bn 315 will launch an attack to the east to capture northeastern end of RITTERSHOFFEN and the woods to the immediate northeast. CCA Engr to open necessary gap in minefield for attack of 1-315.
3. At 0715 68 under CO 1-315 to stage fastest possible house to house attack to recapture remainder of RITTERSHOFFEN in its zone.
4. At 0715 3-315 attacks in its zone in conjunction with Co 315 on its south (right) flank. Co to be under control 3-315. Objective of attack on right is buildings area in RITTERSHOFFEN and woods immediately east thereof. Necessary clearing of minefield at southwest end of RITTERSHOFFEN under direction CO 315. CCA to furnish 3 engineer technicians for assistance.
5. At about 0730 launch attack from west with one company of tanks and one company of reinforced infantry to capture high ground at 165345, ground to be held by infantry and anti-tank guns after consolidation. Pillboxes to be held in connection with defense to south. Foxholes to be dug under cover of tanks. Engr CCA to open gap in minefield for passage of tank Co. Tank unit furnished by and under control of CO 48.
6. Artillery: In front of attack on northwestern end of RITTERSHOFFEN arrange short concentration of HE or time on woods to the west and on buildings at 2300, 0120, 0340, 0500. Shift these fires slightly with each concentration to cover woods to north and northwest of buildings. No other fires except in case of counter-attack in this vicinity without approval CO 315. Patrolling by 68 to be coordinated with above fire schedule.

Artillery on south of RITTERSHOFFEN: five to eight concentrations all to be under control CO 315 to be placed on buildings area and woods running 50 yards southwest thereof in southeast part of town and woods immediately east and northeast thereof, except in case of counterattack. None of these fires after 0615. At 0615 a no fire line is established from 160346 to 165346 to 165333 to 160333. Artillery fires delivered in this area during attack on RITTERSHOFFEN will be on call CO 315 to 79th Division Artillery.

Close in defense fires protecting against enemy counterattack for the force seizing high ground 165345 by CO 315 and 79 Div Arty.

Harassing fire with time shell will be placed east of no fire line east of RITTERSHOFFEN on all suspected mortar localities from 0700 until RITTERSHOFFEN capture has been completed. Observation planes to assist.





CO 14th AD Arty establish no fire line for protection of friendly troops in HATTEN.

Counterbattery of enemy artillery positions will be conducted with sufficient guns to neutralize enemy artillery from 0700 until infantry northeast of town has dug-in. Estimated to be 1030; artillery ammunition availability considered. CO 14 AD Arty to coordinate.

7. Coordination and command of all infantry fires and means under direction CO 315.
8. 48 attach 3 tanks to 3-315 and 3 tanks to 68. Provide a platoon, minimum of 3 Med, preferably 5, for overwatching from south in direct support of 313. Communication with CO 3-315. Entrance thru minefield arranged between CO 48 and CCA Engr.
9. CCA Reserve; assault guns and mortars of 48, C-125, C-94 (less detachments). The assault guns of 48 to be laid at beginning of operation on southeast edge of RITTERSHOFFEN, fires to be subject to call CO 3-315.
10. CO 315 establish contact with CCR 14 AD on right flank and also with CCB 14 AD on left flank.
11. Maximum use will be made of pole charges and flame throwers.
12. There will be continual warming up of tank motors throughout the night. 48 coordinate warming-up of tank motors for north flank attack with delivery of artillery fires to conceal the motors.
13. Communications system to be fully organized to include wire, radio, and pyrotechnics.
14. CP CCA: NIEDERBETSCHDORF.

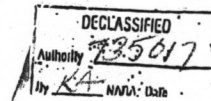
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #26 (Issued orally to Liaison Officers)

1. Continue operations under instructions issued orally last night.
2. 315 maintain contact. Should the enemy withdraw, follow promptly and take maximum toll with artillery and other weapons.

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FO #18 (Issued orally to Ltn Officers and Comdrs 122100 January 1945)

Maps: Eastern France, 1/50,000 and attached sketch.

1. a. Enemy holds part of RITTERSHOFFEN, HATTEN, and ground to NE and SE of these towns.  
b. 14th AD with 2nd and 3rd Bns 315 Inf attached 0800 tomorrow, 13 January captures the towns named and reestablishes the MLR.  
CCB attacks by fire from the LETTERSWILLER-RITTERSHOFFEN area and follows up any enemy withdrawal.  
CCR crossing LD extending S from RITTERSHOFFEN at 0800 attacks and captures HATTEN and reestablishes MLR. 2 315 attached to CCR HATTEN.  
Division Artillery under division control.
2. CCA with 3 315 attached attacks at 0800. Completes rapidly the clearing of RITTERSHOFFEN, reorganizes, and moves immediately to East to assist CCR in capture of HATTEN. Details as to boundaries between Bns later.
3. a. 48 smoke SE road corner of RITTERSHOFFEN 0800 - 0845. Attacks and captures that part of RITTERSHOFFEN as shown on overlay. Using Med Tks it will cut the rd between RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN, moving immediately in rear of leading element of CCR. Coordinate with 3-315.  
b. 3-315 will be responsible for security of that part of RITTERSHOFFEN shown on sketch, effective at once. It will attack at 0800 and capture rapidly that part of RITTERSHOFFEN, shown on sketch. Coordinate with 48 and 68. Released from CCA upon capture of RITTERSHOFFEN.  
c. 68 attacks at 0800 and rapidly capture that part of RITTERSHOFFEN shown on sketch. It is responsible for security of that part of RITTERSHOFFEN shown on sketch during night. Maintain contact with CCB on left.  
x. Ready for combat 0600.  
Tank vehicles for combat 0800.  
Shift in arty observers tonight.
4. Omitted.
5. SOI: No change.  
CP CCA: No change.

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1. Overlay.
2. 222 Inf Regt in defensive position along MAGINOT LINE fortifications. 2 Bn 315 Inf Regt moved to vic HOFFEN to reinforce troops in defensive positions in MAGINOT LINE in that area. 1 Bn 315 Regt: no change.
3. Overlay.
4. Overcast with occasional snow flurries. Cold. Visibility limited.
5. a. 66 closed in assembly area via S ULTZ, conducted run of defensive positions and of routes in 2.  
b. 46 closed in assembly area in EBERSBURG. A-46 Attached to 2 Bn 315 at 1340 for Opns. B-46 relieved as CCA Res and returned to control of parent unit at 1200. A-66 (minus 1st Plat) relieved attachment 46 at 1200, 1st Plat remaining attached to 46.  
c. CCA Res: B-46 relieved as CCA Res at 1200; A-66 (minus 1st Plat) constituted as CCA Res.  
d. C-94 closed in assembly area S ULTZ. Established observation screen BITTERSCHOFFEN - HOFFEN - SCHONENBERG at 1205. CP at HORNWILLER. At 1820, observation screen withdrawn for night.  
e. C-125(-) closed in assembly area SCHONBERG.  
f. CP CCA opened S ULTZ at 0400. Closed S ULTZ, opened HOELSCHLOCH at 1820.
6. Excellent.  
Excellent.
7. CCA moved from HORNWILLER to SOULTZ attached to TF WALL for operations. Attached medium tank company to 2Bn 315. Established observation screen BITTERSCHOFFEN - HOFFEN - SCHONENBERG.

TANK STATUS:		Operationally Fit	Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	Lost During Period
Unit	Type				
46	M5(37)	16	0	0	21
	M4(75)	29	1	0	0
	M4(76)	23	0	0	0
	M7(105)	15	0	0	0

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1. Overlay.
2. Overlay.
3. Overlay.
4. Overcast with snow. Cold. Visibility limited.

5. a. 68 (reinf) in assy area vic SOULTZ; conducted detail run of defensive positions and of routes in zone.  
b. 48(reinf) in assy position vic SURBOURG moved to vic NIEDERBETSCHDORF at 1400 to meet enemy vic HATTEN. C-48 joined 48 vic RITTERSHOFFEN at 1500. A-48 on overwatch mission vic KUHLENDORF moved to RITTERSHOFFEN 1400 met the enemy attack destroying six (6) Mark IV tks without loss, continued attack toward HATTEN destroying two (2) personnel carriers. A-48 continues attack supporting 315 Inf. Remainder of Bn returning to SURBOURG.

c. CCA Res: No change.

d. C-94 established observation screen RITTERSHOFFEN-HOFFEN-SCHOENENBERG at 0500. CP HOEWILLER. At 1800 all posts except one vic 161336 withdrawn for the night. During the day much accurate enemy information was reported and Assault Gun platoon destroyed one (1) SP gun and one (1) Mark IV Tk.

e. C-125(-) in assembly area SURBOURG; built a 40 ton bridge vic 116398.

f. Co B 827 TB attached to 315 Inf 1500.

g. 500 AFA: In general support of defensive lines; fired 2 observed and 9 unobserved missions during period.

h. CP CCA: No change.

6. a. Excellent.
- b. Excellent.

7. Established observation screen RITTERSHOFFEN-HOFFEN-SCHOENENBERG. Broke up enemy armored attack destroying seven (7) Mark IV Tanks, one (1) SP Gun, and two (2) personnel carriers.

8. Tank and TD Status:

Unit		Operationally Fit	Under repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
48th Tk Bn	M5(37mm)	16	0	1	0
	M4(76mm)	23	0	0	0
	M4(75mm)	29	0	1	0
500 AFA Bn	M7(105mm)	17	0	1	0

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Maps: Eastern France, 1/50,000, SELTZ Sheet.

- 1. Overlay.
- 2. Overlay.
- 3. Overlay.
- 4. Cloudy and cold with haze. Visibility poor.
- 5. a. 68AIB(reinf) moved from assy area vic SOULTZ to KUHLENDORF closing at 0645. Prepared defensive positions in this sector in preparation for enemy armor attack. At 1545A attacked to the east and southeast on RITTERSHOFFEN encountering heavy arty, mortar and small arms fire. At dark had reached line approximately(overlay)500 yards northwest of RITTERSHOFFEN. Prepared dug in defensives for the night.  
b. 48 Tank Bn(reinf) held defensives vic RITTERSHOFFEN receiving heavy Anti-tank fire during period. At approx 0630A Co "C" was attacked by company of German tanks and 300 infantry supported by heavy artillery concentration. Attack was repelled at 0730 with loss of 4 medium tanks. Company "B" 68th AIB attached at 1600A. Launched an attack at 1615A and made small advances and upon reaching the outskirts of RITTERSHOFFEN was pinned down by dug in antitank gun, machine gun and automatic weapons fire.  
c. C94: Established observation screen at 0500; withdrawing line south of HOFFEN - HOHWILLER. Given mission of protecting S flank of CC by patrolling N edge of HAGUENAU Forest in sector. 3rd plat atchd to 48 at 1730.  
d. C-125(-): No change.  
e. A-68: Retruned to control of parent unit in LEITERSWILLER at 1400A.  
f. 500 AFA: In support, fired 7 observed and 23 unobserved missions.  
g. CP CCA closed HOELSCHLOCH and opened KUHLENDORF at 1600.
- 6. a. Excellent.  
b. Excellent.
- 7. Held defensive positions east of KUHLENDORF and launced counter attack at 1545 reaching outskirts of RITTERSHOFFEN at dark. Seven probable enemy tanks destroyed.

8. Tank Status:		Operationally	Under repair		
			Fit in	Fit over	Lost During
Unit		Fit	24 hrs	24 hours	Period
48th Tk Bn	M5(37mm)	13	0	3	1
	M4A3(75MM)	17	4	5	4
	M4A3(76MM)	16	0	5	2
	M4A3(105MM)	5	0	0	1
500 AFA Bn	M7(105MM)	15	2	1	0

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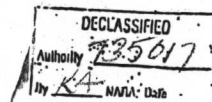
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1. OUR FRONT LINES,  
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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS,  
Overlay
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS,  
Right flank - 319th Inf  
Left flank - 36th Engr Regt, 904 FA Bn, Co C, 304 Engr Bn - Supt  
Co A, 813 TD Bn
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY,  
Cold - heavy overcast.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD,
  - a. 1st and 3d Bns - Maintaining defensive positions along MLR, with active patrolling along outpost line of resistance. 3d Bn driven in from OPL but restored OPL at 1700. 1st Bn OPLR remains unchanged.
  - b. A/T Units - 813 TD Bn fired at armored vehicle.
  - c. FA - For missions fired see Inclosure #2.
  - d. Engrs - Blew bridge at (103445) at 1305.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY,  
Unchanged.
7. RESULT OF OPERATION,  
Regiment holds MLR and maintains the OPLR.

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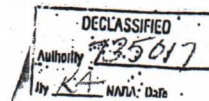
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Maps: EASTERN FRANCE, 1:50,000, LEMBACH - WISSEMBOURG - SELTZ - HAGUENAU  
Sheets XXXIX-12, XXXVIII-13, XXXIX - 14 XXXVIII-14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:  
Right (SE) flank: 313 Inf.  
Left (NW) flank: 36 Engr Regt.  
Support: 904 FA Bn; 312 FA Bn; Co "C", 304 Engr Bn; Co "A", 813 TD Bn.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold; Visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
  - a. 1st Bn - Maintaining defensive pos. Active patrolling to front and on R flank.
  - b. 2nd Bn - (- E Co) - Closed in to 222 Area at 081600 Jan 45.
  - c. 3rd Bn - Maintaining defensive pos. Active patrolling in Cleeburg and Bremelbach.
  - d. Cn Co - Fired 100 rds HE, 7 rds Smoke - Harrassing fire - also on enemy arty pos w/ result 3 direct hits - enemy wpns out of action.
  - e. A/T Units - TD's fired on enemy in 313 Inf sector - killed estimated 20 enemy foot troops. Knocked out half track (170388). Destroyed MG nest (149421) at 081130 Jan 45.
  - f. FA - Report later.
  - g. Engrs - Contacted Blue re installing tactical wire on MLR.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Unchanged.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Regt continues occupation of MLR and active patrolling to front.

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Sheets XXXIX-13, XXVIII-13, XXXIX-14, XXVIII-14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Overlay

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUSTAINING TROOPS:

Right (SE) flank: 313 Inf

Left (NW) flank: 36 Engr Regt

Support: 904 FA Bn; 312 FA Bn; Co "C", 304 Engr Bn; Co "A", 813 TD Bn.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Cold, visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. 1st Bn - Defending along MLR. Active patrolling Ingolshiem & R flank.

b. 2d Bn (-Co E) Reconnoitered for defensive positions along R flank, and in FRL area.

c. 3d Bn - Defending along MLR. Active patrolling, Cleeborg and le Grossenwald.

d. Cn Co - A/T Units - FA - see Inclosure 2.

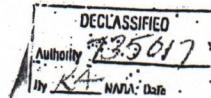
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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7. RESULT OF OPERATION:

Regt continuing occupation MLR. Active combat, ren patrolling to front.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

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3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

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4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Cold; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

See Annex #1 attached

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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7. RESULT OF OPERATION:

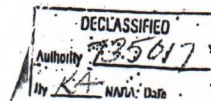
Active maintenance of MLR; improvement of defensive measures;  
vigorous patrolling to front to maintain contact with enemy.

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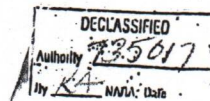


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ANNEX #1 TO S-3 REPORT NO. 16 102100 JAN 45

- a. 1st Bn- Maintaining active defense of MLR and improvement of defensive positions. Active day and night combat patrolling. Combat patrol with mission to destroy bridge grid square 16-40 found bridge already out-not rebuilt as reported. Blaw up RR station at 15954040 with 48 lb chg. Threw w/p in nearby bldgs. Subsequent daylight patrol captured PW in RR station & found 4 enemy dead & one badly injured, pinned down in debris. Another patrol captured 8 PWs at 162396 at 1500 hrs.
- b. 2nd Bn- Continue preparation of defensive position in RRL; prepared to move to R. L. or to hold. Opened new CP 1600 hrs 105372 map ref 1:50,000.
- c. 3d Bn- Maintaining active defense of MLR and improvement of defensive positions. Active day and night combat patrolling. Night patrol located enemy arty at 111460 & directed fire on it. At 1543 hrs OP observer spotted MG nest 11254425. At 1556 hrs, arty scored direct hit.
- d. Cn Co- No missions fired due to friendly patrol activity to front.
- e. Engrs- Laying A/T mine field on Red Bn R flank. Will be completed 11 Jan 45
- f. A/T Units- Inf spotted men in church steeple in Ingolsheim at 1430- fired 5 rds- direct hit.
- g. Arty- Separate report to be submitted later.

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PLACE, Hq 222d Inf.  
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MAIS: EASTERN FRANCE

1/50,000 LEMBACH - XXXVIII - 13, WISSENBURG - XXXIX - 13,  
SELTZ - XXXIX - 14, HAGUENAU - XXXVIII - 14

1. OUR FRONT LINES:  
Overlay

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
Overlay

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:  
Unchanged

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Cold - Heavy fog

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

See Annex #1 attached

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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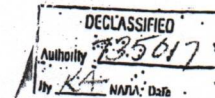
7. RESULT OF OPERATION:

Maintaining MLR and improving defensive measures.

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ANNEX #1 TO S-3 REPORT NO. 17 112100 JAN 45

1st Bn - Maintained defense of MLR. Active patrolling; day and night to front and right flank. Patrol No. 1 moved out at 1110 hrs to vicinity of bridge 16254040, knocked out enemy supply vehicle with rocket launcher, setting it on fire. Set 2 buildings on fire with W/P Grenades. Patrol #2 moved out at 2300 hours. Located MG at crossroads (14854125). Patrol killed five (5) enemy in vicinity of above MG and knocked out the MG. Patrol Leader, Lt. McLaurin, threw WP Grenade knocking out MG. This was the last seen of Lt. McLaurin. Patrol then continued on thru edge of town, turning across to the E away from another MG that was still firing and infiltrated back to our lines. Patrol observed a large number of dug-in mortar positions between buildings, the edge of town, and stream to the SE. A dug-in position, apparently for an A/T gun was observed at (153413). Mortar positions were also observed in this vicinity. Casualties: Enemy - 5 killed, MG crew of 3 enemy knocked out. Patrol could not determine whether living or dead

2nd Bn (- E Co) -- Moved to new positions in vicinity of Leiterswiller. CP Hoffen (15-36) Co G took up defensive position SE Leiterswiller, grid coordinates (165355). Co E closed into Soultz Sous Forets at 1600 hours.

3rd Bn -- Maintained defense of MLR. Active patrolling day and night to front and left front. Patrol No. 1 - Small arms fire from vicinity (14104326), hitting ridge at (13304285). One rifle shot every 10 or 15 seconds. Fire from Dreffenbacherhoff Farms (14-42) was directed up draw (13504246) and (13904245). Farm was previously observed being used as an OP by the enemy. Patrol then proceeded to (13884471), heard motors of vehicles, possibly trucks, in vicinity (14154368).



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MAINS: EASTERN FRANCE

1/50,000 LENDRACH - KIMVILL - 13 WISSENBURG - KIMVILL - 13

2. OUR FRONT LINE: SEIZ - KIMVILL - 14. BACHMAY - KIMVILL - 14

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3. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Unchanged

4. INFORMATION OF ENEMY UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

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5. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Cold - Visibility poor

6. OUR CAPABILITIES FOR THE PERIOD:

See Annex #1 Attached

7. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

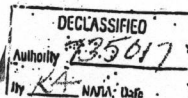
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8. RESULT OF OBSERVATION:

Maintained defense of MFR. Active day and night patrolling to front.  
Reconnaissance made of delaying and defensive positions Sof  
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ANNEX #1 to 2-3 REPORT #18,122100, Jan 45.

1st Bn -- Maintaining active defense of MIA. Patrols active to front, day and night.

2nd Bn (- E Co) -- Returned to regimental control at 2150 hours.

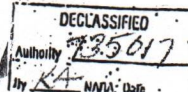
3rd Bn -- Maintaining active defense of MIA. Day and night patrolling to front. Day patrol, Co I, led by Lt. Krawczyk, out at 1100, ret'd at 2000. Observed in vicinity of Nett (1160-4750). Flushed two German officers and one Sergeant in house on Wissembourg Rd (1160-4750). One officer started escape -- was shot. Second officer would not speed up-- forced to shoot him. Patrol then flushed 6 enemy, killed 3, captured 3. Total: Killed 5, captured 4. IPW reports of 2 officers killed, one was Bn CO, other Bn Ord Officer.

A/T Units -- No activity reported.

Engr -- Laying A/T mine fields - Red Bn front.

Arty -- Separate report to be submitted by 904th FA LNO.

Gn Co -- No firing today.



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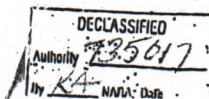
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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE: 1/25,000 LEMBACH (7 & 8) WISSEMBOURG (5 & 6)

1. OUR FRONT LINES;  
No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS;  
No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS;  
No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY;  
Cold - Visibility poor to fair.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD;  
Maintaining active defense of MLR; Aggressive patrolling.  
Cn Co - Supported patrol by fire - good effects on en personnel.  
AT Units - Five en targets - effect not apparent.  
Engrs - Reconnoitered for possible locations of AP mines.  
Co G - remains atchd to 3rd Bn, 313 Inf.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY;  
No change.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS;  
Maintaining active defense of MLR; improving defensive positions,  
aggressive patrolling.

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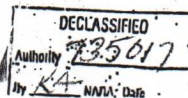
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HQ VI Corps  
DETTWILLER (Q802172), FRANCE  
080800A January 45

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
  - a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div continued attack against stiff opposition, and 114th Inf reached vic (Q634535). 2 DB, 36th Inf Div, 100th Inf Div and 106th Cav Gp: No change.
  - b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: Enemy penetration vic OBENHIM (Q9503) progressed rapidly N, with tks reaching the southern edge of KRAFFT (V9880). 3 DIA: Operation against GAMBESHEIM (R1110) bridgehead resulted in the capture of 60 PWs and the destruction of 2 enemy tks. Elements of 3 DIA entered GAMBESHEIM but withdrew to vic KILSTETT (R0908) for the night due to enemy pressure. Div took command of sector at 1915A.
  - c. XII TAC:
    - (1) General support: Weather prevented any attacks.
    - (2) Close support: See Incls 2.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold with visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. Inf:
    - (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf: Scheduled atk was delayed while units mopped up strong groups of enemy attempting to filter out of WINGEN (Q7335) area. Atk started in early afternoon and 1st Bn advanced to (Q750396) against considerable resistance. 2d Bn with elements 19th Armd Inf Bn atkd SE from SARREINSBERG (Q7441) and reached vic of (Q743407). 3d Bn held along a line from (Q727398) to (Q737397). 1st Bn 180th Inf received a strong enemy atk which it repulsed successfully. The Bn then counterattacked and pushed the enemy back to a line generally along road from (Q754387) to (Q774385). The remainder of the regt remained in positions and cleared up small parties of infiltrating enemy troops. The 157th Inf, 36th Engr C Regt, and 275th Inf continued to improve defensive positions and maintained active patrols. 313th Inf, with 1st Bn 314th Inf atchd, continued to atk N against strong enemy resistance, and gained positions with the 1st Bn 314th Inf at (Q798386), followed by the 1st Bn 313th Inf to the right rear vic (Q806377). 2d Bn 313th Inf remained in res vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037). TF HERREN completed the clearance of enemy from WINGEN (Q7335) and cleared main enemy pocket E of LICHTENBERG (Q8135) as far as the ROTHBACH - REIPERTSWILLER rd. 1st Bn 276th Inf started move to assembly area vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631), and 2d Bn 276th Inf to area vic (Q8735). The 2d Bn 274th Inf began move from WINGEN to the 275th Inf sector vic (Q8739). Tr C 117th Cav Rcn Sq began move from Div area to

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APO 46

8 Jan 45


INCLS #2  
TO  
G-3 REPORT #8

AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 062400A - 072400A  
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 1 mission of 4 sorties was flown in close support of VI Corps. A complete overcast at the bases prevented any other aircraft from taking off. Poor visibility and overcast also prevailed over front line area most of day.
2. Details:
  - a. Mission #1.
    - (1) Request: 4 a/c to reconnoiter movement on the Rhine from STRASSBOURG to GAMBSHEIM (R135095). TOT 1130 hours.
    - (2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area on AO #30 with 4 a/c. "Elite" told flight to reconnoiter enemy river crossing site at GAMBSHEIM (R135095).
    - (3) Results: 4 x 500-lb bombs were dropped. 7 MT destroyed on East side of crossing, 3 MT damaged on the West side.

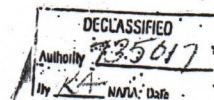
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Init: C.F.S.  
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From: 141800A Jan 45  
To : 151800A Jan 45

DAILY PERIODIC REPORT # 129

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE.

Ey continued his aggressive attitude and attempted to infiltrate our positions to cut road vic Q-774386 but was disorganized by our arty. Ey C/A at HATTEN R-1833 employed some inf and at least 4 tanks. Ey's pre-dawn attack was repulsed by 0645A.

Close contact was maintained on N slopes of L'EBERSBERG hill 4-809394. A strong C/A of U/K strength was repulsed vic Q-813395 at 1600A, but there were strong indications of a renewal of the attack. Two local C/As E of PHILLIPSBOURG, one vic Q-893435 at 1600A and one vic Q-915435 at 1315A were repulsed and hvy casualties inflicted on ey. The 1151 and 1152 Arty Bns were tentatively identified as supporting the ey troops in HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area. An estimated ey inf bn supported by tanks, arty and mortar fire attacked HATTEN from E around 1500A was repulsed. Our tanks were reported breaking through in HATTEN and were outposting the three roads leading into N of town.

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

With most of the front free from aggressive action by either side, the activity of the ey arty, particularly ammunition expenditure, continued to decrease during the period, even in the areas where local attacks occurred. In the 45th sector considerable reduction was noticeable, and in the HOFFEN-OBERSBACHSDORF-HATTEN triangle the shelling was generally of a harassing nature only, with the heaviest concentration reported totaling about 50 rds, though the larger portion of the fire fell in this area during the day. Except for hvy cal harassing of HAGHENAU and med cal interdiction of the ROHRWILLER bridge during the night, the bridgehead sector was very quiet, and since photos revealed several unoccupied locations in this sector, the inactivity may indicate that the ey has abandoned offensive intentions there for the present, at least to the extent of withdrawing several of his hvy supporting weapons. Harassing fire vic RITTERSHOFFEN was lighter than usual during the night, and likewise only UHRWILLER (8841) and ALTHORN areas were hit in the 45th Div sector. During the day the H-Q-H triangle was again the target for harassing concentrations at azimuths 0 to 1600 mils, but usually only 10-20 rds were thrown in at a time. 45th Div inf in the hills between REIPERTSWILLER and 8639 received several concentrations of moderate size, but the WILDENGUTH-ALTHORN area was quite conspicuously absent from the target list. Hvy calibers in the N took advantage of poor visibility and shelled MERTZWILLER, ZINSWILLER and MULHAUSEN between 0730A and 0800A. The 125th Armd Engr Bn turned in an excellent, complete shellrep on the MERTZWILLER shelling, including fragments.

A complete estimate of arty strength on the Corps front is still impossible, because photo coverage taken yesterday unfortunately missed the most important area vic OBERSBACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH, but it did reveal unknown strength vic WISSEMBOURG and WINZENBACH (2737). Available evidence indicates at least two divisionsartys plus an additional 6 to 8 bns in support in the WISSEMBOURG-SELTZ area alone.

Shellrep Total: 72

45 Div	79 Div	14 Armd	17 Gp	6 Gp	35 Gp	2 FOB	93 AFA Bn
9	14	19	13	4	3	9	1

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b. Summary of Missions:

(1) Div Arty:

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB				2	4	4		
Per	4		16		56	48	14	7
Veh			2					4
MG&Mor	1					12		3
Prep			16		9	10		
Armor	8	64				6	1	8
Def Fires			27				1	13
Har		63		47	7	75	1	78
Reg	1				24			
Misc	2	1	1	67				33
Prop				2	4			1
Totals	16	128	46	135	104	115	17	147

(2) Corps Arty:

Type	6 Gp		17 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 FAB	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB		38			1	11	1	6		6
Per	3	5			1				5	
Veh									3	
Armor		5							4	
Har		68								
Reg						39		29		42
Misc		33					2			
Dest							1	1	3	4
Totals	3	149			1	50	4	36	15	52

AOP Missions: 3

SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753-410, Q762-398, Q765-387, Q773-384, Q777-387, Q788-388, Q804-375, Q805-386, Q812-394, Q817-393, Q826-382, Q837-387, Q834-404, Q852-416, Q862-429, Q891-437, Q925-446, Q940-434, Q970-441, R001-440, R015-446, R050-445, R100-440, R150-400, R165-386, R175-365, R178-337, R180-323, R200-288, R215-283, R224-253, R202-236, R186-212, R160-183, R125-174, R089-120, R090-085.

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DAILY PERIODIC REPORT #130

SECTION I. INTELLIGENCE

Ey situation remained generally unchanged on the Corps front. Ey maintained his offensive attitude in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) and bitter house to house fighting took place in both towns. Ey continued to hold strong points vic Q178332 and R181336.

Ey attack vic Q811394 at 1200A which developed into an estimated three Co effort against the 157 Inf was repulsed. Initial attack was followed by hvy mortar concentrations between 1300A and 1330A. Patrol and OP reports indicate normal ey movement on roads.

Our troops made some gains against stiff opposition in HATTEN (R1733) but there was no change in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). Ey planes strafed HATTEN and fired two rockets in KUHLENDORF (R1335).

SECTION II. ENEMY ARTILLERY

a. The activity of the ey arty showed a marked decrease during the period, due to the quick reaction which the ey offered to any aggressive move in the HATTEN area and in the bridgehead sector. The 45 Div sector was comparatively quiet after the lively attitude exhibited yesterday. The bulk of the shelling fell in the critical HATTEN-OBERSBETSCHDORF-HOFFEN triangle. In a very active night besides frequent harassing fire, the ey laid down two barrages, also several 30 to 50 rd concentrations. 50 rds 105mm cal fell on forward elements vic 8338 at midnight. Shelling reports received indicated only 1t, harassing fire in the bridgehead sector during the night, though ROHRWILLER and DRUSENHEIM were later reported to have received moderate shelling. Scattered guns during the day kept up harassing fire, generally 10-20 rds at a time, in the HOFFEN-HUNSPACK-HATTEN area, but at 0905A a hvy concentration fell vic HOFFEN and at noon 200 rds, massed fire were laid in the same area. At 1450A another total of 80 to 100 rds were reported. In the late afternoon, the fire slackened, but between 1637A and 1700A, 40 rds 105mm cal fell vic 8038. In the afternoon ROHRWILLER bridge and BISCHWILLER were the targets of btry volleys, not hvy, but fairly constant, and the persistence of this fire in spite of active counterbattery suggests casemated guns were partly responsible. As usual, the OBERSBACH-TRIMBACH-EBERBACH area was responsible for nearly all the shelling in the H.O.H triangle, and the inability to obtain photos of this vital area is keenly felt. The tenacious character of the ey resistance in the HATTEN area is reflected by the arty support from the O-T-E groupment, which continues to fire, though at reduced rate, even during extensive CB programs, covering the known locations in the responsible regions. This persistence is in itself indicative of the arty strength there.

b. Change to EB List #21

(1) Additions:

CONC NO	COORDINATE	ACC	SOURCE	NO/TYPE
8142 TF	8102-4272	A	AP - 15 Jan	3/Lt
8242 LU	8263-4231	B	995 AOP	3-4/Nebel
8546 LR	8539-4622	A	AP - 15 Jan	3/Lt
1415 UK	1411-1560	A	AP - 14 Jan	4/Lt
1908 UO	1990-0844	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/HAA
1909 VP	1910-0920	A	AP - 15 Jan	2/Lt
1910 US	1950-1066	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
1910 UR	1987-1067	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
1911 UT	1914-1144	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
1912 UQ	1993-1250	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
1938 LT	1937-3822	B	36 AOP	-/-
1942 LS	1925-4200	A	AP - 14 Jan	1/-
1949 VZ	1915-4943	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/HAA
20a1 UP	2039-1167	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt
2113 UW	2124-1393	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/HAA
2113 UX	2161-1330	A	AP - 15 Jan	6/Lt
2114 UV	2111-1441	A	AP - 15 Jan	4/Lt

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**b. Summary of Missions:**

**(1) Div Arty:**

Type	12 ADA		14 ADA		45 IDA		79 IDA		103 IDA	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB					2	4		1		
Per	19		7		59	17	14	8		
Veh	1		6		3	1		2		
MG & Mor	10	1	2		5	3	1	1		
Prep		107						16		
Armor	2		2	2			6	2		
Def Fire				26			2	8		
Har	1	10		22	6	120		37		5
Reg	3		5		30		3		5	
Misc	7		6	3			3	23		
Prop				5						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

**(2) Corps Arty:**

Type	6 Gp		35 Gp		405 Gp		33 Brig	
	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs	Obs	Unobs
CB	2	37	3	11		21	2	8
Per							9	3
Veh			2				1	
Prep								53
Armor			1				5	
Def Fires							3	6
Har		63		14		22		18
Reg	8				1			
Misc		7			1		13	1
Dest	2		1					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>89</b>

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**SECTION IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

Forward elements of the Corps are reported as follows:

Q753410; Q762398; Q765387; Q773384; Q777387; Q788388; Q804375; Q805386; Q812394;  
Q817393; Q826382; Q837387; Q844404; Q852416; Q862429; Q891437; Q925446; Q940434;  
Q970441; R001440; R015446; R053445; R100440; R150400; R165386; R175365; R178337;  
R180323; R200286; R215283; R224253; R202236; R186212; R089120; R090085; R160183;  
R125174.

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